

Parks & Recreation Commission Minutes

Monday, Oct 17, 2016 @ 6:00 p.m.

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Hampton Falls Town Hall

1 Drinkwater Road

Hampton Falls, NH 03844

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Commission Members Present: Lyn Stan Vice-Chair; Larry Smith, Acting Treasurer; Pam Fitzgerald, Don Janik and Gary Martin. (5)

Absent: Mark Lane and Peter Robart.

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

1. **Meeting Minutes.** A motion to accept the minutes of last month's meeting was made and seconded. All were in favor.

2. Town Christmas Tree Lighting Update

Tuesday Orluk and Stacie Oshberg informed that the Ceremony is planned to be held on Friday, December 2, 2016 (blizzard date December 3). The ceremony is planned to begin at 6pm, and will include refreshments, a Children's Choir, and a blessing from Pastor Ken from the Baptist Church. The tree will be lit at 6:30, to be followed by photos, and more refreshments. Obtaining a tree for the bandstand was discussed. Gary will discuss getting a tree this year from the Fire Department, and report back to the group. Hampton Falls Living magazine is featuring the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at the Bandstand in the next (December) issue. The Rec Department will supply a sound system for use on the Common. Tuesday and Stacie were given the form that the Town of Hampton Falls uses for planning Special Events. They will get the necessary signatures, and submit to the Board of Selectmen for approval.

3. Treasurer's Report

There is nothing new to report.

4. Governor Weare Park

Dick Robinson will remove and dispose of the rose bushes.

There is discussion about additional parking space. NHDOT says that we need an easement to create additional parking space, however, we are exploring a shared parking area with the Hampton Falls Baptist Church. That possibility is most interesting now.

5. Fields/Use, Cal Ripken/Fees

Mark is moving forward with Hampton Attack Soccer and the Cal Ripken baseball group, to collect their fees for this year.

6. Bandstand

The floor of the Bandstand is in need of some maintenance, as it will probably fail in spots in a couple years. Pam asked for permission to get 3 quotes for the work. We have an interest in the maintenance free flooring material. Its durability should be better. We think that there is still some money in the budget that we can use for that purpose.

7. New Business

There was discussion about transferring funds from the Parks & Rec Concert Fund to the Friends of Hampton Falls Bandstand Fund. There was discussion for and against, but there are other discussions currently about the possibility of consolidating **ALL** the various funds into subcategories under Parks and Recreation. That may ultimately be a better solution. In the meantime any residual funds from the Concert Fund probably have to be used for their intended purpose.

There is also an interest in sprucing up the Town Common, specifically, the Cannons and Cannonballs by the flagpole.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, November 21, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Martin

Secretary of the Evening