

**Harvard Parks and Rec
Meeting Notes – 7/16/2012
Hapgood Library
7:30 pm**

Commission Members in Attendance: John Lee, BJ Pessia, Eric Dyer, Anne McWaters
Guests: Bob O'Shea, Bill Johnson, Bruce Leicher

Approve minutes from last meeting
- Consider posting minutes to our website as well

Financial Report - wrap-up of 2012 budget

Veterans' Services Agent, Dennis Lyddy

- Dennis was unable to be at the meeting but sent his concerns:
 - Is it under our jurisdiction to care for the monuments?
 - Are we interested in a new/updated monument for the WWII, Korea, Vitenam that would include names, etc?
 - Flagpole restoration – base could cost up to \$7000
 - Flagpole at Harvard Park – is locked and needs attending to (perhaps Joe from DPW to raise and lower each day)

Memorials on the Commons

- Cleaning of Civil War monument to be done possibly in Sept or next Spring (if using CPC funds) – bid came in

Boating on the pond - Bare Hill Rowing, water skiers

Bob O'Shea – has jurisdiction over open water

- Complaint about rowers from BHRA interfering with motor boats on the pond
- Holly Hatton brought a proposed map. P&R approved the Learn to Row program 6-7:30am experienced adults, 7:30-9:30 experienced high schoolers, 9:30-11am less experienced and not as often. End at 11am. Nothing scheduled for rest of July
- Beginning July 30 – adult group from 5:30-7pm.
- Last year, there was no interest in July, so there was no Learn to Row program during July last summer.
- 8 singles are on the water in the afternoon
- Bruce Leicher stated that 10am was set as the time for motor boats years ago
- The afternoon has created a problem so Holly is proposing a new route for the Learn to Row kids (red line on the map) – pond is still down 6 inches
 - BL: Between 5pm-7pm is the most heavily used time
- Bob O'Shea: Presented comments and observations and recommendations
- Changes to the motor boating bylaws is not something we can do this summer – must be presented at Town Meeting
- There is only one map that is approved by the town for boating – it is in the town bylaws

-Boat launch: traprock was brought in to line the pumping area during the dredging project. Near the end of the project, Paul Willard suggested putting it in the boat launch area. There has since been complaints about it from boaters. Bill Johnson would recommend keeping the rocks right in front of the boat launch and clear some area closer to the canoe and kayak racks so that people can walk more easily. BJ suggested keeping the rocks on the beach side so that sand doesn't erode. We need to formally send a note to Liz Allard with a drawing of the proposed changes and get approval.

Benches on Common

- Two weekends ago, someone put the benches in the intersection and a car hit them, damaging both the car and the bench. The police instructed DPW to remove the benches. P&R now needs to look into new benches. Anne will look into new ones or welding the broken one.

Planning

Areas of responsibility (See attachment) - do we want to maintain jurisdiction?

Land Areas:

- Bromfield tennis and basketball courts: yes
- Trail to Barba's point: no (we need to move the canoe rack)
- Town beach: yes
- School playing fields (pond rd, depot, middle school, elem school):yes, but we need to have a discussion with School Committee and if we could get another DPW worker, we could possibly take over
- Ann Lee: yes
- Charlie Waite: yes
- Harvard Park and trails: yes
- Rec trail: yes – subcontracting might be the way to go on a number of these
- Town Common (big, little, next to General, Hildreth grounds): yes
- Still River fire? Still River post office?
- Depot Rd 3rd field

Recreation Programs:

- Adult tennis
- Adult sailing
- Youth boating
- Youth swim
- Skiing

Update Park & Recreation rules and regulations
parking

2013 & 2014 budget and capital projects

New on-line registration

CPC Appointment- New amendment to allow more flexibility for recreation

-Last week the use of recreation funds was approved for land that was not previously covered. It has to be a “renovation” or new addition (not maintenance). A new mooring field would be a perfect use of these funds. Submission must be done by Sept. Must be combined with 5 year capital plan. John Lee nominated to continue on as CPC liaison – motion seconded and approved.

Next meeting / Meeting Schedule

Meeting Adjourned: 10:45pm