

**Harvard Parks and Rec
Meeting Notes – 9/10/12
Hildreth House
7:30 pm**

Members: John Lee, Eric Dyer, BJ Pessia, Anne McWaters

Guests: Tom Cotton, Holly Hatton, Terry Dewitt, Pam , Sue Reedich, John Kinney, Bob O'Shea

Approve minutes from last meeting: **Minutes Approved**

Financial Report - wrap-up of 2012 budget

-BJ will check with Fred to be sure the check for the shade structure was not processed

Planning

2013 & 2014 budget – we need to prepare a budget going forward based on a breakdown of everything we spent this past year

Beach issues

- COA volunteers are no longer checking boats.

-We need a list of questions for Town Council regarding launch fees, parking, out-of-town access, boat washing, etc.

Bare Hill Rowers - fall roster, summer wrap-up, fall schedule

-BHRA offered a crew open house and was able to recruit 16 new learn to row kids. Currently on the team there are 56 Bromfield rowers and 40 AB rowers, for a total of 96. 13 crew kids graduated from Bromfield this past year. This year, there will be 8-10 Bromfield seniors.

BHRA is asking for an exception to be made to the ratio of AB/Bromfield rowers. This year, they will be over by 13 kids from AB. BHRA said LTR is unique to Bromfield kids and this is how they are trying to grow the Bromfield side. Competition starts at the end of September, so BHRA is requesting a decision by P&R next meeting, Monday, Sept. 17.

-There are 5 Harvard adults who are rowing in the morning 6am-8am. They rent equipment from BHRA.

2013 Triathlon

- Lion's Club gives \$25,000 back to the town throughout the year. Most of their fundraisers revolve around food and are weather dependent. They are interested in hosting a triathlon – it would help diversify their fundraising and interests. They talked to police department in Harvard and Bolton and they are in favor. They have hired a race management team to run the entire event. The proposed date is: Sunday, June 30. Transition area would be parking lot for the beach. Parking would be at the schools, library, etc. Hoping for 300 participants. John Lee requested of the Lion's Club: references for the race management company, "Town of Harvard" placed on the insurance rider, beach staff necessities. BJ moved to approve Bare Hill Triathlon, motion seconded and passed.

Approve CPC projects

-Stone wall and flagpole approved

Approve 5 year plan and capital projects

- John Lee presented the 5 year strategies.

-Programming: Everything approved with the addition of "Hire a tennis director"

-Capital and Long Term Planning:

-Tennis court resurfacing: to be done Fall 2012

-Remove "Ann Lee Rd field"

-Remove "New Christmas tree"

-Remove "Beach house improvements"

-Feasibility study moved to 2014

-Mass Ave stonewall – submit to CPC this year

-P&R approved John submitting the plan with the aforementioned amendments.

Update on draw down and construction plan

-October 15 – start date for construction

-P&R will let boat owners know that they must get their boats out before then

Next meeting / Meeting Schedule

Meeting Adjourned: 10:40pm