

**Harvard Parks and Rec  
Meeting Notes – 06/03/2013  
Hapgood Library  
7:30 pm**

Commission Members: John Lee, BJ Pessia, Pat Nelson, Anne McWaters, Ally Luck  
Guests: Tobias Frost, Sue Reedich, Bob Kinnee, Holly Hatton, Tom Cotton, Terry Dewitt

Approval of minutes: John moved that we pass minutes from May 6 with amendments and May 23. Motion seconded and approved.

Treasurer Report: Joe was unable to call in as he was getting on a plane.

Lion's Club Triathlon: Sunday, June 30 - 8am. Expecting people by 6am. Want to use Library parking lot and field to park – Sue will email Mary Wilson. Plans are all coming together. Currently 165 pre-registered. Goal is 200-300. Capacity is 500. Sue submitted form to harbor master today for the marker buoys. Bob has talked to police. Chief Denmark is on board. Lions are requesting that swim ropes be removed. Lions will come to set up Sat 4-6pm. They will meet with Ally Luck at 4pm Sat. Lions will ask Fire Dept to have their boat in the water for rescue. P&R will provide lifeguards on kayaks/canoes/paddleboards – Lions will coordinate with Ally. Planning to start setup in front of the library Saturday at 4pm. 18-wheeler will be parked in the library lot. Pond Rd will be closed, but as of now, all other roads are going to be open.

Beach Director update on Beach: The beach house is clean and ready. Moorings are going to be out by Thursday. We need a new motor and/or a new boat. Ali will get a price for the motor. The list of the staff is almost complete. This coming weekend guards will be on 11am-7pm and weekdays they will be on 2-6pm. Boat sticker checkers should be stationed at the regular sticker checker spot. No trailer parking along Pond Road once swim lessons begin. Ali needs a master key – BJ will provide her with one – and she would like the head guard to have one. She will be having a team meeting the weekend of June 22 that P&R members will attend. She will also contact Chief Denmark about coming to the meeting to teach about conflict resolution.

Boat Stickers Update: 9 canoe/kayak spots have not been claimed so Anne will begin to go down the waitlist

Additional Parking for trailers at the pond: No trailer parking along the right side of Pond Rd once swim lessons begin. Will need to park up at school.

Field Renovations - Tobias Frost: Would like to get a field named after Tom Hill and create an endowment. Looking at Pond Rd field - Parks and Rec maintains and manages it, but it is technically on school grounds. Parks and Rec will support the idea. BJ suggested Toby also look at the idea of a turf field in Tom Hill's name. Anne moved that we support Toby's idea to name Pond Rd field after Tom Hill and to place a sign near the entrance from Pond Rd. Motion seconded and approved.

**Bare Hill Rowing:** Terry DeWitt made a presentation. BHRA was founded in 2003 as a 501 c3 organization. They have Fall and Spring season, winter training, and summer learn-to-row program. There are varsity, novice, and learn-to-row programs. Terry rowed as an undergrad at Harvard and joined the program a few years ago. Holly Hatton was the novice coach at Harvard- Radcliffe, and was the varsity coach at BU. She is also a former Olympian. Adding Acton-Boxborough and having Holly as a coach has enhanced the program by allowing BHRA to really compete. Fees cover base operating expenses, not equipment. Equipment is paid for through fundraising. The Board is made up of nine people, 7 Harvard residents, 2 Acton residents. 15 kids from BHRA are going to Nationals this Spring. The women's 4 is all Harvard. Young girls 5: 4 Harvard, 1 A/B. Men's 5: 2 Harvard, 3 A/B. Wayland/Weston is biggest rival. No A/B people are allowed to park at the pond. This summer, experienced rowers from the team (no more than 8) will come down and row from 7:30-9:30am. Today, they started the Learn-to-row program (7 Harvard kids, 1 Carlisle) from 4-7pm.

Pat Nelson spoke about how BHRA has outgrown their welcome at the pond. Memorial Day weekend, 50% of the Town Beach parking lot was blocked off by BHRA. BJ wants to allow the learn-to-row program for the summer and then not renew the contract for the Fall. Pat thinks the P&R Commission needs to revisit the contract and whether or not to renew. Parks and Rec will re-evaluate over the summer.

The Spring roster: 62 Bromfield students and 34 Acton-Boxborough.

**Civil War Statue Cleaning:**  
First part of June

**Port-a-potties at playing fields:** BJ made a motion to quit the contract with Dave's and price out a new vendor (possibly Ratta) for 6 port-a-potties. Locations: Ryan Land, Depot, Beach, HES, Harvard Park (2 in the Spring), Charlie Waite.

**Administrative help:** Joe and John have not yet been able to connect. We will go over duties at the next meeting.

**Tennis Program:** Marcus Lewis and the school have taken the program over.

**Common restoration:** The portion between the General Store and the Congregational Church needs to be fixed. BJ will get three estimates to sod the area on a Monday or Tuesday.

**Event Schedules:**  
June 17 – 5<sup>th</sup> grade party at the beach – we will staff with 5 guards

Meeting Adjourned: 11:10pm