

Harvard Park and Recreation

Meeting Notes

June 17, 2013 Hildreth House

Attendees: Pat Nelson, John Lee, Joe Schmidt, BJ Pessia, Alexandra Luck, Bob O'Shea, Jack Landry

Canoe/Kayak Rack area is too crowded – recommendation was to move 2 racks back to the wooded area where the trailers used to be parked.

Boat Trailer parking is limited now after the work that was done to improve the area. We need to try to find a solution to accommodate 5-6 boat trailers at the pond. Goldsmith provided a proposal to review the situation and provide a recommendation – motion was approved for that study to proceed.

Portable Restrooms – there are 4 regular and 2 handicapped units needed across 6 locations in town. Current vendor has been negligent in cleaning the units so alternate suppliers have been solicited. Three bids were provided and the board recommended we cancel the current contract and enter into a new contract with Ratta. Contract will stipulate 4 regular units (Depot, Ryanland, HES, Charlie Waite) and 2 Handicapped units (Harvard Park, Bare Hill Pond) for 8 months – March – October – with weekly cleanings.

Finance Report – Pond and Field accounts are depleted but Revolving account balance healthy. Joe is working on budget planning for next fiscal year.

Alexandra and Jack reviewed several pond expenses that they questioned. There was agreement to remove the Jasonics Security Emergency Box from pond as it does not work and was deemed not necessary with cellular service available.

New motor for aluminum boat and new flat bottom boat for pond are becoming critical. Board approved the request to pursue quotes for a certified pre-owned replacement motor ~\$2k. Need by July 1st.

New flat bottom boat will be ~\$5-7K. Suggestion is to request supplemental budget from town to purchase.

BHRA – Floating dock is considered a safety risk not covered by town insurance policy. Bob O'Shea also expressed concerns about current orientation and impact on wooden dock. BJ will request a copy of the BHRA Insurance Waiver to determine liability and make recommendation back to board.

Bromfield/AB Crew – Reviewed DRAFT Governance Proposal prepared by Pat Nelson and Anne McWaters. Subject will be on next meeting (July 1st) agenda to discuss:

1. Summer Program – Storage of 4's on pond property – new this summer and not pre-approved by board.
2. DRAFT Governance Proposal – Park and Rec, The Bromfield School, BHP Harbormaster.