

Harvard Park and Recreation Commission

Meeting Notes – 10/7/13 – Old Library

7:30PM

Commission Members: Anne McWaters, Joe Schmidt, Pat Nelson, BJ Pessia

Guests: Bob O’Shea, Darren Magan, Joe, Marcus Lewis

1. Meeting Notes Approval for 9/16 All
 - Price change to statue cleaning to \$1800
 - Motion to approve. Seconded and unanimously approved.
2. New Commission Member All
 - Pat, BJ, and Joe approved Steve Gordon as the new commission member. He was out of town tonight, but will join us next meeting.
3. Status of CPC Projects Joe
 1. Civil War Restoration – Completed. Cost was \$1800. Joe sent a description of what was done and Anne will add it to the minutes.
 2. Flag Pole/WWI Monument Restoration – Joe put in for CPC funds to occur FY15.
 3. Mass Ave. Stone Wall Restoration – Joe did a sunset clause so the funds to be used were pushed for another year. He has discussed with Historical Society and is going to meet with the mason this week. November – go to Bromfield Trust and Historical Society. The work will probably start next Spring.
4. Apple Festival 10/12 – Common Barrels and Power BJ
 - BJ stated that everything is ready to go.
5. Harvard Park Canopy Status Anne
 - Morgan Awning is supposed to be contacting Gabe Vellante about the building permit. Graham West said he would call Anne as soon as he talks with Gabe and give her the schedule. Anne will follow up again this week.
6. Canoe/Kayak Removal Date Announcement and Emails – 10/19 - Anne
 - A message went out to all boat owners on October 1
7. Marcus Lewis Tennis Program Marcus
 - Marcus thought the tennis program went very well. Grossed \$5,000. Town gets 20%. Marcus would like to do the program again next summer. BJ recommended doing indoor tennis at the school at the school gyms during the fall and perhaps Spring. Marcus will coordinate with Ali next summer to coordinate times for swim lessons and then work tennis lessons around those.
8. 2014 Ski Club Anne Hentz and Doug Thornton
 - Next meeting
9. Pond Road Baseball Field – Upgrades Darren Magan

-Bromfield Baseball. Dan would like to discuss the state of the baseball field. They approached Bromfield about getting a new coach at the High School that is passionate about baseball and coaching. The field itself is in bad shape and needs some repair. They got a quote for edging, removing pitcher's mound and making a new one, regrading baselines, new sod around pitcher's mound and bases, 2 tons of conditioner - \$7,845. BJ stated that the drainage situation at that field has been a problem for years and has precluded doing anything. There is a grate covering a drain in right field that needs to be dealt with. At the baseball field, there is a quote for dugouts as well (Pablo Carbonel will do the construction – Pachyderm Contracting) \$17,200. What is left in our field budget right now is around \$16,000. The total we get is \$21,000 for all the fields for the whole year. Joe suggested trying to use CPC funds for the whole thing. Darren thinks that will take too long. The field is in need of work right now and Darren has a guy who can do it this Fall. Joe thinks we should ask HAA for some financial help. Darren does not want to go that route. Bob O'Shea thinks P&R should address the safety concern of the grate – BJ stated that we should wait until Spring. Darren says that it needs to get done by the end of October. BJ will oversee this project from Parks and Rec.

10. BHRA Agreement Status

Pat

-Pat attended a meeting with Leo Blair, Marie Sobalavaro, Terry Dewitt, Tim Bragan. According to Town Counsel, the land to the right of the driveway is under the ownership of Park and Rec, and the land to the left is owned by the Town. Going forward, any agreement that Parks and Rec wants to make with an outside entity must be approved by Board of Selectmen. BHRA felt that their group fell under the "residents and guests" and therefore did not need to heed this. Tim Bragan and Leo Blair disagreed. The liability language is still coming from Town Counsel. Tim Bragan is going to establish the fee schedule for BHRA. Discussed limiting the number to 80 BHRA members on the beach at any one time. At this point, P&R and BHRA are waiting on input from Town Counsel. Joe Schmidt was at the Board of Selectmen meeting and learned that at the Special Town Meeting, there will be an amendment to Article 10 that will require the Board of Selectmen approve access to the beach for non-resident groups.

-Due to the fact that we are not having a drawdown, getting the docks removed will be challenge. Bob O'Shea stated that he will ask DPW to come down with the forklift to get them out.

11. Recreation Management Model – P&R/Comm Ed/Hwy Dept

Pat

-Not ready for discussion

12. Other Topics

- a. Dog Owner Clean-up Enforcement – Joe looked into getting the setups with the bags. One costs \$80. He will look into it further.
- b. Flags at Half Staff – P&R is responsible. Anne to contact the Veteran's Association and see if they would be willing to raise and lower the flags every day
- c. Frisbee Golf Project Cancellation – Ben L'Ecuyer did not want to go through all the hoops of talking to ConsComm so he has decided not to do it. Joe is willing to talk to ConsComm.

Misc:

- Liz Hawkes boat is currently sinking. This is the second boat to sink in the last month.
- Ed (Boy Scouts) is working on his Eagle Scout project
- Port-a-potties – 2 all year long. One at Depot, one at McCurdy.
- Lions want to set up for Halloween in between the General and the Congregational. The Lions will also help sponsor trash.
- The Rec trail needs maintenance. Joe and Anne will walk the trail next week.