

Parks and Recreation Meeting 5/21/14

Previous meeting minutes approved

1. Budget discussion/Update
2. Discussed current expenditures and how funds are allocated
3. Discussed current beach budget
4. Discussed and voted on playground equipment upgrade for Harvard Park. The 300.00 expenditure was approved by all 5 board members
5. Discussed electrical box and Christmas tree lights for the town tree. It was decided to put the much needed safety repairs and upgrades out to bid.
6. BHR - Presented on program status and their desire to engage in regular communication.
7. BHR - Overall Summer program was discussed
8. BHR - There remains confusion with everyone as to how the Parks and Recreation board can work together with BHR and the town to come up with an effective policy that works well for all interests.
9. BHR - Learn to row program was cancelled due to ratio and number limits. A discussion ensued as to how the town could get this program back on the pond.
10. Mark Adams - Presented a plan to improve the land between the general store and the church. This improvement also included the small island of grass and trees between the parking lot and Still River Road.
11. The plan included - Cap and berm to deter cars from driving onto the grass, re-seed grass, restore gravel path that goes from the lot to the cemetery.
12. Funding for this project was discussed. Mark will followup as to what assistance is available from all parties impacted by this project.
13. Joe asked, should this project be completed who would be responsible to keep the new grass watered? Mark said that he would take this responsibility.
14. Parks and Rec. gave Mark its blessing to continue putting this project together. He will meet with DPW, the appropriate individuals at the church and with Scott from the general store. He will report back to the board on his progress.
15. Bob O'Shea discussed the water front. Specifically: the state of the moorings and the need for replacement. A plan was discussed to replace 1-2 moorings per year.
16. Allie presented an overall beach plan.
17. A vote was taken to improve the bathrooms. All 5 board members voted yes.
18. The overall proposed beach budget was voted on and approved by all 5 members.
19. Field maintenance and fees were discussed. A vote was taken on field usage fees and all 5 members voted to approve the new structure.
20. Joe brought us up to date on the stone wall project
21. Pat attended a Deven's Parks and Recreation meeting to learn how their fields were kept.