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JANUARY 19,2016

Meeting Called to Order: 7:03 p.m.

Attendance: Chair Jacqui McCarten, Deb Miville, Steve Smith, Dave Elliott, Stacey Howe (HYAA), Diane Boyce (DPW), Jim Donison (Town Engineer), Adam Jennings (Town Council Rep)

Dave Elliott: Approved December's Meeting Minutes

Public InPut: A Hooksett resident has asked for an Update about Heritage Estates Park on Park Lane near Quarry Road.

Mike Horne has answered the Question on an Email:

*"As you can see, we identified the property "Heritage Park" back then. And I'm sure discussions and decisions of P&RAB is documented in the P&RAB minutes since 2004.*

*I'm not sure if the Town Clerk has any historic minutes between 2004 and 2008 when the web minutes start.*

*Dale Hemon went to the property "Heritage Park" once (not sure when) to walk the property and some residents got very concerned it might be developed. They didn't want their neighborhood having crowds of people coming there for sports fields.*

*The sort of 'why didn't it get turned into a soccer or sports field' back then is: it is very far away from a majority of residents to use (on the Auburn townline); there are sports fields very close to the residents in Heritage Estates at the Cawley School; The Town could only fund so much improvements to build new sports fields and Peterbrook is more central to a majority of Town residents and not too far away from Donati Park for families who have to run from one field to another due to multiple children in sports."*

At tonight's meeting, Stacy Howe has backed up the Statement. Local Residents are OK that it never became a soccer field. Not enough space, too close to Auburn so it is not centrally located. Residents enjoy the fact that it stays natural and woody. A few meandering paths, but nothing structured.

Deb Miville will respond to the citizen with the update.

Jim Donison - Assistant DPW Director/Engineer discussed updating the 2016 Master Plan.

Dave Elliott suggests some kind of bench placed closer to the HannaHoHee Pond for ice skaters

The prior Master Plan was reviewed for items completed ( Dog Park ) and deleted (Ice Rink) to the Present Day Plan. Suggestions for the new Master Plan was discussed.

Discussion about putting Parks & Recreation Information accessible to people, by placing it on the main

Hooksett website page. so that residents will be more aware of Town Parks and their locations.

Jacqui will make the edits to the prior plan, as requested by Jim Donison, and come back to the Parks and Rec Advisory Board for discussion and approval of the changes.

Members of the Parks and Rec Advisory Board were contacted by Steve Schack:

*"Hello Everyone,*

*My name is Steve Schack and I have been working to develop more recreational offerings for Hooksett residents over the last few months. I haven't been able to make it to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meetings because I have to maintain three different jobs right now, but I would really like to share the program framework that I've developed so far as well ideas for future developments.*

*Unfortunately, I will not be able to make it to this month's meeting on the 19th, however, I will be in attendance for the February meeting. If you would like to hear more about the work I've been doing prior the next meeting, please don't hesitate to email me to set up some time to chat.*

*Kind Regards,*

*Steve*

*Steve Schack*

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Jacqui and Deb both responded with positive feedback and are making plans to meet with Steve.

Conservation Commission Report: Merrimack River trail: We are currently soliciting bids for Phase 1. This phase will create the new trailhead and extend to the middle field.

2. Pinnacle dedication: Dave Hess will be working with Kathie Northrup to develop a dedication event for Bud Locke.

3. Stewardship workshop: The Conservation Commission will be holding a stewardship workshop on February 8th at 6pm. We will focus on developing stewardship priorities and procedures.

Meeting Called: 8:15 pm

Minutes Submitted by Deb Miville, Secretary