

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Tuesday, March 15, 2016

Meeting Opened: 7:05 P.M.

Attending: David Elliott, Steve Smith, Mike Horne, Deb Miville, Adam Jennings (Council Rep), Diane Boyce (DPW), Steve Schack (Parks and Rec)

Absent: Jacqui McCartin

Update: Richard Cote has not attended a meeting this year and as far as we know, he has not responded to Jacqui's email from last month. Adam Jennings stated that the rule is that after three missed meetings in a row, you are no longer on the Board. Therefore, he will contact Katie and let her know that we have a position open on the Advisory Board.

Parks and Rec Report:

Steve reports that 40 Children have already signed up for the Summer Program, in the first three days. Assuring that no one be denied because of lack of funds, the Salvation Army offers Scholarships through Family Services. (Thanks to the Christmas Season Bell Ringers).

April Vacation Week is limited to 40 Children due to lack of Counselors. An ad was in the Hooksett Banner seeking more Counselors. These people will get background checks and hopefully they will stick around for the Summer Program.

Peterbrook: At the moment, we cannot find anyone willing to make a bid on installing the foundations for the lights.

Heritage Landing: There is a Boy Scout who wants to work on the project. Maybe a Bench, maybe selective trimming of some of the trees.

New Business: May 25th has been decided on the date to address the Master Plan with Town Council. Adam Jennings has taken on the task of bringing a rough draft of the Master Plan to the April Meeting where the whole Board will finalize all details together.

Laurel Road: Conservation Committee and Parks and Rec will be working together to develop a plan to use the 150 acres off Laurel Road for Recreational Purposes. There are no near term plans for the Board to recommend building an active recreation area there (due to limited budget, focus on Peters Brook new area, and no new HYAA demand for more fields).

It was agreed by the Board if the efforts by the Conservation Commission doing the timber harvest created an area that could be used in the future as a small parking area for a trail head, the Board would consider adding it to the Recreation

Master Plan for hiking and cross country skiing.

Conservation Commission Report: Bridge over Brown Brook: Land clearing starts this Spring

Sunrise St: Two Wetland Permit Applications for River Bank Stabilizations using bioengineerings and rip rap along the Merrimack River and for two floating docks (previously in use)

Heritage Commission and Conservation Commission will be working together to plan a Ceremony for the Pinnacle Peak Historic Marker.

Dalton Brook : Diane Boyce Reports that this is going to be a bigger project than anticipated. Diane and Phil tried to do a walk around. The brush is thicker than we thought, more erosion has been detected, vagrants have discovered the property, and due to the warm winter the tick population has exploded. We are going to need outside help to get things accomplished.

Ongoing need of a list of all town owned properties and how many of them are the Parks and Recreation Responsibility.

Need of a Trail Head Sign on Goffstown Road to let people know about Quimby Mountain.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:05 P.M. Deb Miville motioned, Steve Smith 2nd

Respectfully Submitted

Deb Miville, Secretary