

Present were: Mary Beth Robillard, Dennis Robillard, Charlene LoPresti, Andrea Berlin, Tina Morrison, Anthony Massarelli, and Pat Holland

Meeting began at 6pm in the Lord Conference room in the OOB high school

After reviewing the minutes and Andrea mentioning we should put in that the tennis and basketball courts and Mums were tabled from last month's meeting, a motion by made by Tina and seconded by Dennis for them to be accepted.

We began meeting discussing the signs for the new dog park name, K9 Veterans Memorial Dog Park, while waiting for Mary Beth who was going to be a little late.

Tina mentioned first how had talked w/Kenny Blow who's involved with a motorcycle group .The Masons of Old Orchard Beach offered to donate some dollars from their rides for various projects in the whole park. They charge the riders who want to participate 15\$ and a portion of that would be donated to the park. The rides would be listed on their calendar. We would need to let them know how many rides we would like donations from as well as what the money would be used for.

Tina said she thought CAW's, our Community Animal Watch committee, should help w/some monies for the dog park sign and planned to ask them for help at their next meeting. She also saw our new Town Manager who told her money was available from the \$5,000 given to the park by the Family Dollar store.

She showed us various designs asking for our comments and asked us to send any pictures we may find of soldiers and their dogs.

Mary Beth arrived and we discussed not planting any Mums this year as they would not be watered as often as they should be .

Some tulip bulbs were planted by volunteers on October 5th. Andrea said she will do the Alpine Garden and donate the tulip bulbs as a contribution to the community. She also mentioned that there is a problem w/an invasive weed by the Children's playground. She said it all needs to be dug up and re-planted as the weed has really taken hold and it will only get worse. Question is who would do it and we would also need a licensed pesticide person if we decided to use Round-Up.

Pat gave an update re: the K9 Veterans Day which Sharri MacDonald, our State Representative from OOB, is proposing as a day to be set aside on March 13th to honor the services of our war dogs as well as the many dogs who serve our communities and individuals in various ways. Sharri said she hadn't heard anything as yet from the Legislative committee responsible for deciding what will be discussed at the Legislative meeting in January but would let us know when she does hear and what, if anything, we could do to help make this a reality.

Mary Beth said Val at Public Works is checking into some background re: seeing if it's possible to have a designated grill area in the park as many people / groups are bringing in their own grills and many don't realize they need a permit to do any grilling in the park.

Mary Beth also mentioned we need signs at the entrances to the park with some rules re: what can and cannot be done for those using the park. We also discussed having one by the stairway on First Street across from the Chamber of Commerce building. Discussion was also focused on what the signs should look like.

The committee discussed also having the Basketball courts recoated and the monies necessary for that . The tennis courts had some repair work done Public Works but it needs to be entirely re-surfaced. Andrea mentioned that the pathways when they're done should be curved as they are now and that she'd like to be there before Public Works does anything.

Re: benches and trees in the park, Mary Beth said she had talked w/Val at Public Works. She said people wanting them need to fill out forms for approval and that she will now be notified for any future requests. It costs a \$1,000 for placement of a tree or bench. The plaque by the tree or on the bench can be put in the doner's own words but there are limitations re: how many words can be used.

She showed us a map of the trees and benches in place now. A limit needs to be set on how many of each so the park will not be " over run " with either.

Mary Beth asked about having volunteers from the committee to sit at a table for our committee during election day in the high school. She asked any one who is able to help to let her know and what times they would be available. We would have information re: the park as well as a large donation jar on the table.

New items discussed were:

Andrea: we need a light on the gazebo to prevent vandalism and what about the flagpole at end of the monument being moved to the community garden? Mary Beth said the flagpole will be staying where it is and we're waiting for it to be shortened so we can put the POW/MIA flag on it as any pole used for flags must be shorted than the one for the American flag.

There was some discussion re: possibility of having lights on other trees in the park during Christmas season. Last year there were some lights on the tree by the rest rooms.

Mention was also made that we need working security cameras to prevent vandalism as well as possibly identifying any person who does do damage to the park. Question was in re: to where to get the monies necessary for them.

Were the trees fertilized this summer ? Answer was no and they were not last year as well.

The meeting was adjourned @8:30pm. Our next meeting is scheduled for November 4, 2013.

Respectfully submitted by Pat Holland.