

Minutes of the November 22, 2011 Town Woods Park Operating Committee meeting.

Present: Bob Dunn, Don Bugbee, Phil Neaton, Jason Thornton

Absent: Glynn McAraw

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm.

Prior to this Operating Committee meeting, Committee members, along with Ralph Eno, the First Selectman of Lyme, had met at Town Woods Park. Don Bugbee, the Old Lyme Parks and Recreation Director, had requested this meeting to allow the Committee members to observe the present general conditions of the Park firsthand.

Items observed and discussed during the walkthrough included:

Field conditions of Soccer/Lacrosse Fields 1, 2 and 3. (Weeds, bare spots and depressions).

Field conditions of the Baseball and softball fields (Infield weeds).

Club and High School Referee hesitations during the Fall Soccer season to allow games to be played.

The Playground woodchips, weeds and equipment damage.

Parking Lot weeds, spin trimming and potholes.

Perimeter woods areas growth encroachment.

Bob Dunn initiated discussions about the general Park conditions noted during the meeting at Town Woods Park. The consensus was that there were some items that needed immediate attention to prevent field ruination. Phil Neaton stated that maintaining proper field conditions, based on the current field usage demand, is difficult in itself and is amplified because there had been no pesticide applications made in 2011. Two organic Fertilizer applications and additional spin trimming had been substituted for the contracted field applications to. Phil Neaton also discussed the present budget information.

The Committee decided to meet again, and in the meantime, work to formulate a list of their recommendations which would be presented to the Boards of Selectmen and the Parks and Recreation Commissions for the towns of Lyme and Old Lyme. No date was set for the next meeting.

A motion was made by Bob Dunn, and seconded by Jason Thornton, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Don Bugbee,*

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