

Meeting Minutes

Parks & Recreation April 4th 2023

Meeting was called to order at 5:45 pm

Present: Jan Warner, Harry Bovio, Jim Bosman, Julie Sweet

Member not present: Tanya Campbell and Michael Merritt (?)

Guest: Clark Maynard

Approve Minutes – Minutes of 1/3/2023 approved (Jan motioned, Julie seconded, voted unanimously to approve)

Treasurer's Report

\$4,070.88 balance per Harry

Public comment – Clark planning to put up tennis nets, etc., next week. Requesting signage regarding putting away (pulling back) the nets after use. Clark will install the signs.

Old Business

FY24 Budget – submitted

Pickleball – Approved spending up to \$300 for improvements to nets for tennis and pickleball (Harry motioned, Jim seconded, voted unanimously). South River Meadow proposed pickleball courts: Jan met with CPC and Open Space three times. Open Space was worried about Open Space, runoff, etc. They wanted conservation commission buy-in. Was too late for the articles deadline for the warrant.

Ongoing Maintenance and Repairs – court issues – tennis court has low spots with puddles. Can this be fixed somehow with composite material Jan saw advertised – could we compare costs? The “no climbing” sign needs to be replaced on the retaining wall. Lets keep the gate closed for access road from upper lot. Signage for pickleball playing times and contact info. Shed – Julie checked into it – looks like it just needs paint and new bulletin board? Nobody has the key to the double doors. Spring work bee – could we piggy-back onto the baseball work day? Could be in April over April break Sat or Sun? We will resupply tennis balls and rackets and basketballs – Jim motioned, Julie seconded, voted unanimously \$250 for Jan to spend on these items. Jim will repair the picnic tables – Jan motioned, Julie seconded, voted unanimously for Jim to spend \$250 on lumber

New Business

Ballfield Mowing – any special requests? Jim suggested weed & feed

Farmers Market – proposed farmers market on town ballfield, adjacent to playground near lower parking lot. Wednesdays May-Oct 4-7 pm. Contact is Geoffrey Baker. OK by us.

Parks & Rec Summer Event – table to May meeting

Seasonal Portable Toilets – question from resident on why they are removed for winter? Potentially we can have the one at the ballfield left up all winter again

Complete Streets – Veronique identified grant opportunity – suggestions for sidewalk extensions – along Shelburne Falls Rd, along 116 between entrance to upper lot and Parsons, with crosswalk. Jim also suggested an entrance to the ballfield from the corner by the church.

The next Park & Rec meeting is scheduled for May 2nd at 5:30 pm at Town Office

Meeting was adjourned at 7:07 pm (Jim motioned, Harry seconded, voted unanimously)

Respectfully submitted by Jim Bosman