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Parks Commission Meeting Minutes

December 14, 2011 at Legion Hall

ATTENDEES: Don Black, Jeff Ohringer, Laurie Smigelski, Jon Strauss

ABSENT: Dave Howes

GUESTS: Pierre Comtois, Anna Eliot, Tim Madigan, Laura Menard, Tim Svarczkopf

MEETING OPENED: Mr. Black opened the meeting at 7:03pm.

READING OF THE MINUTES: Minutes for the November 9th meeting were read. They were unanimously approved.

BILLS SIGNED:

- Waste Management \$ 47.69
- Aslan Enterprises \$ 650.00
- Aslan Enterprises \$ 500.00
- Aslan Enterprises \$ 780.00
- Aslan Enterprises \$1,920.00
- Montachusett Lawn Sprinkler \$ 225.00
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- Garside Monuments LLC \$ 300.00
- GELD - Cow Pond Field \$ 67.13

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Letter to GELD abutters
- Department of Conservation and Recreation tech bulletin – Terra Firma #10 – Mourning Glory: Preserving Historic Cemeteries
- Notice from the Town Manager on Remote Participation at Board, Committee and Commission Meetings
- Thank you letter from Ms. Caroline Noyes for use of the Fairgrounds for the Pony Club
- Resignation letter from George Moore from the Hazel Grove Planning Committee

FIELD USE REQUESTS:

Groton Pony Club for calendar year 2012 for Hazel Grove Park from Lisa Doyle

Lacrosse for April 1st – June 30th 2012 from Tim Madigan

Verbal request from Tim Madigan for 3 fields for Lacrosse tournament. Dates to be determined.

REPORTS:

1. Hazel Grove Planning Committee (HGPC) with Tim Svarczkopf
 - Linda McCrossan resigned
 - There was discussion regarding committee size
 - Four subcommittees have been established
 - Committee has visited the Greenfield location – it is managed by an independent association. The association takes care of the land and buildings. The association provides an entity that can raise funds and go before the Community Preservation Committee.
 - The Spencer location was visited during a fair last fall.
 - The HGPC's focus in the beginning is for restoration and preservation.
 - Some ideas for the fairgrounds are small scale 4-H fairs, dog shows, carriage shows, driving shows, and anique car shows.
 - The Parks Commissioners reported that they are happy and gave their blessing with the direction the HGPC is going in.
 - Mr. Black suggested that they pass their ideas by the Police, Fire, EMS, GELD, Water and Sewer departments to get feedback from their areas on these ideas.
2. Laurie and John Smigelski borrowed a chipper and cleaned up tree damage at the fairgrounds from the Halloween storm.
3. On Saturday, December 17th the ground pegs and boards will be set up for Evan's Rink.
4. There were no problems with the Cutler Field shutdown.

NEW BUSINESS:

Winter Lacrosse Meeting with Tim Madigan

- 302 children registered, some play on more than one team
- Program is maxed out due to lack of playing fields
- Still using Groton School fields
- Larter Field in Dunstable was suggested as a possible site
- Commissioners agree there are only 2-2½ (one small) fields available for lacrosse on town property.
- Anna Eliot suggested the 14 acres on Shirley Road at Surrenden Farms as possible field locations.
- Mr. Black offered to take Mr. Madigan on a site walk on the DPW/Patierno land to check out the possibility of a new field.

ADJOURN/NEXT MEETING: Laurie Smigelski made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Jon Strauss seconded it. Mr. Black adjourned the meeting at 8:20pm. The next meeting will be held at the Legion Hall on Wednesday, January 11th at 7:00pm.

Respectively Submitted,

Becky Babcock

Administrative Assistant

Parks Commission