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Parks Commission Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2012 at Legion Hall

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

GUESTS: Adam Burnett, Bob Johnson

MEETING OPENED: Mr. Black opened the meeting at 7:00pm.

READING OF THE MINUTES: Minutes for the December 14th meeting were read. They were unanimously approved after changes were made.

BILLS SIGNED:

- Waste Management \$ 47.33
- Montachusett Lawn Sprinkler \$ 425.00
- Moore Lumber and Hardware \$ 174.84
- GELD – Cow Pond – FB Field \$ 67.13
- GELD – Cow Pond – BB Field \$ 7.50, \$8.96
- GELD – Cow Pond – FB Stand \$ 69.00, \$287.80
- GELD – Cow Pond Ball Fld Pkg Lot \$ 12.00, \$12.00, \$12.00
- GELD – Cow Pond Brook Soccer \$ 100.39, \$43.40, \$7.31
- GELD – Stonebridge Fields \$ 6.88, \$6.75, \$6.75
- GELD – Cutler Field \$ 6.75, \$6.75, \$6.75
- GELD – Wheeler Park \$ 6.75, \$6.75, \$6.75
- GELD – Basketball Court(park) \$ 54.02, \$9.59, \$6.75
- GELD – 5 Commons - Flagpoles \$ 32.50, \$32.50, \$32.50
- GELD – Sawyer Common \$ 6.50, \$6.50, \$6.50
- GELD – Chicopee Row at Sawtell \$ 6.75, \$6.75, \$6.75

Ms. Babcock will ask GELD and the Town Accountant if the GELD bills can be put onto one bill for signature instead of separate bills.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Memo requesting Parks report for Annual Town Report. Mr. Black will write and submit the report.

FIELD USE REQUESTS:

- Riding and Driving Club for Hazel Grove for calendar year 2012 – The Commissioners unanimously voted to approve the permit until March 31, 2012. The club has insurance through March 31st. At that time, the approval will be on a month-to-month basis until the Hazel Grove Committee report is completed. It was noted that the town has a blanket insurance rider that covers all town fields.

REPORTS:

- Soccer - The representative for soccer could not make tonight's meeting and has requested to be put on February's meeting agenda.
- Football – Dave Howes reported that he is content with the way everything went. His only concerns are for lighting at the last games of a day at the end of summer when it starts getting dark and to be able to use another field, if possible, to rest the existing field as it gets to be mostly dirt by the end of the season. They have about 125-150 kids to sign up for the program. They have a football camp in July.
- Hazel Grove Selective Cutting Plan – George Irwin and Patrick Blouin offered to remove selected trees, clean up fallen limbs, chip and stack up cordwood. After much discussion the Commissioners agreed that there is interest, however, it is premature and the job needs to go out to bid. *Mr. Black made a motion to put off any selective cutting at Hazel Grove until the Hazel Grove committee completes their report. Then it will be known what needs to be done. Mr. Howes seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to put off the cutting.*
- Field of Dreams – fencing remains to be done. Conservation Preservation Committee is asking about turtles. Field of Dreams is the fourth field at Cow Pond and parked cars at four fields disturbs the turtles from April through October.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Mr. Johnson reported that the Boy Scout Troop 1 needs projects for the Eagle Scouts. He said one scout is doing memorial benches for Stonebridge field in honor of Sgt. William Woitowicz. He has two scouts who are looking for projects related to veterans. The Commissioners suggested that Mr. Johnson approach the Trails Committee with this request also.

ADJOURN/NEXT MEETING: Mr. Black adjourned the meeting at 8:38pm. The next meeting will be held at the Legion Hall on Wednesday, February 8th at 7:00pm.

Respectively Submitted,

Becky Babcock

Administrative Assistant

Parks Commission