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Parks Commission Meeting Minutes

December 12, 2012 at Legion Hall

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

ABSENT: Steve Hall

GUESTS: Hunter Brining, Larry Brining, David Pitkin

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

READING OF THE MINUTES: Minutes for the November 20th meeting were read. They were unanimously approved.

BILLS SIGNED:

- GELD – Cow Pond – FB Field \$ 16.32
- GELD – Cow Pond – FB Stand \$ 37.14
- GELD – Cow Pond – BB Field \$ 8.08
- GELD – Cow Pond Ball Fld Pkg Lot \$ 12.00
- GELD – Cow Pond Brook Soccer \$ 28.64
- GELD – Stonebridge Fields \$ 12.87
- GELD – Cutler Field \$ 39.98
- GELD – Wheeler Park \$ 5.85
- GELD – Basketball Court(park) \$ 5.97
- GELD – 5 Commons - Flagpoles \$ 32.50
- GELD – Sawyer Common \$ 6.50
- GELD – Chicopee Row at Sawtell \$ 5.85
- Waste Management \$ 46.37
- United Site Service \$ 68.00
- Montachusett Lawn Sprinkler \$ 425.00
- Montachusett Lawn Sprinkler \$ 225.00
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- Montachusett Lawn Sprinkler \$ 599.70

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Monthly budget reports

FIELD USE REQUESTS:

- Hazel Grove Agricultural Association to supercede all requests by Groton Riding and Driving Club, Groton Pony Club, and any other group to use the Hazel Grove property. Mr. Strauss moved to accept, Ms. Smigelski seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve.

REPORTS:

- David Pitkin of the Greenway Committee informed the Commission that there would be a public meeting on December 18th to inform and answer questions regarding the Fitchs Bridge proposed demolition and replacement. He requested that someone from Parks be present at the meeting and also the Special Town Meeting on January 26th. Ms. Smigelski will attend the Public Meeting.
- Eagle Scout Project – Hunter Brining presented a report on the completion of his Eagle Scout project to replace fencing at the Town Field.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Aeration and Lime application on fields is completed.
- There is concern whether or not there would be time to complete paperwork to put in for a Community Preservation project to make new fields at Cow Pond DPW site. Dillis information won't be ready until the end of December. It will include habitat information, layouts for fields and parking lots. It was suggested to review the project at the January meeting to determine if it could be done in time.
- Mr. Strauss noted that the PARC Grant would need to be done by July. Mr. Black asked if we could hire a grant writer to prepare it.
- Mr. Ohringer reported that the Cow Pond concession stand had been vandalized for the third time this year. It will need to be repaired for springtime.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The Parks Budget meeting with the Finance team is scheduled for Thursday, December 6th.
- Invitations to all sports user groups to attend the January meeting will be extended. Mr. Strauss will notify them.

ADJOURN/NEXT MEETING: Mr. Black adjourned the meeting at 7:50pm. The next meeting will be held at the Legion Hall on Wednesday, January 9th at 7:00pm.

Respectively Submitted,

Becky Babcock, Administrative Assistant - Parks Commission