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Park Commissioners

Kenneth Bushnell, Chair
Evan Boucher
Robert Flynn
James Gaffney
Timothy Siok

Meeting Minutes

Date: December 12, 2017
Time: 7 p.m.
Location: Town Hall Second Floor – Lunch Room
Commissioners Present: Kenneth Bushnell, James Gaffney, Timothy Siok
Commissioners: Evan Boucher, Robert Flynn,
Visitors present: Don Black, Commemoration and Celebrations Committee

Kenneth Bushnell called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Pending invoices

Pending invoices were reviewed and signed.

Kenneth Bushnell moved to approve and pay pending invoices. Tim Siok seconded. Motion carried 3 to 0.

Field Use Permit – Commemorations and Celebrations Committee – Don Black

Don Black, Commemorations and Celebration Committee submitted a Field Use request to use Town Field on January 6, 2018 during the hours of 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. for a Christmas Tree Burning Bonfire, a community event.

The field use request is for a one time use, although the Commemorations and Celebrations Committee would like to hold the Christmas Tree Bonfire annually. The Fire Chief and Police Chief are in support of the event. The Fire Department has used the event as a fundraiser in past years.

The Town Fire Fighters and Scouts will be managing the transport of the trees, before and day of event. The Fire Department will manage the event and all requirements and aspects regarding the Bonfire.

Kenneth Bushnell stated support for the event. He asked that the burning be done in the outfield, and cleanup be managed with care. He also asked that vehicles not be allowed on the field.

Tim Siok stated support for the event. He would like to be sure that no burning is done in the infield. He suggested the Christmas tree burning be beyond the foul line well beyond third base. He stated if the burning is done in the grass/in the snow any damaged and/or burnt remains will self-correct with grass growth by the spring/baseball season.

Don Black stated it would be helpful if the Commission flagged or staked the location on the field they would like the bonfire to be. He agreed to have tree drop off by the stonewall and not to have any vehicles on the field.

Kenneth Bushnell moved to approve the Commemorations and Celebrations Committee Christmas Tree Bonfire at Town Field on January 6, 2018 during the hours of 5 pm to 8 pm as requested and as written and permitted by the field use permit. Tim Siok seconded. Motion carried 3 to 0.

Other Business

- Winterizing for the fields is complete.
- Tree cutting for abutter of Old Burying Ground is complete.

Next meeting: Tuesday, January 29, 2017

Kenneth Bushnell moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 pm. Tim Siok seconded. Motion carried 3 to 0.