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Park Commissioners

Donald Black, Chair
Anna Eliot, Vice Chair
Gail Chalmers
Kenneth Bushnell

Meeting Minutes

Date: August 19, 2020
Time: 5:30 PM
Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting
Commissioners Present: Donald Black, Anna Eliot, Kenneth Bushnell
Others Present: Greg Yanchenko, The Groton Channel, Kara Cruikshank- Admin. Asst.

5:45 P.M Chairman Donald Black called the meeting to order.

Cow Pond Well

Mr. Black said as we all know the shallow Cow Pond well has failed due to a water table. This is the second time in three years it has failed. Mr. Haddad spoke with Mr. Black and said they could do an emergency funds transfer for the well replacement. Mr. Black said he thought it would be best to keep that as a secondary application and include the new well in the out of cycle application, hoping by spring time the well will recover. Mr. Bushnell asked if they could tap into the football well. Mr. Black has already looked into using the football well. Mr. Black said the two irrigation systems are so far apart they would have to change the sprinkler heads out because they don't correspond with each other. He thought it will be best to put in a well that will work independently and the new well will help provide water to the new structure/application. Mr. Black explained if the CPC does not grant us the out of cycle application, then then will go to plan B, the emergency funds.

Basketball Court Lights

Chair Donald Black explained he turned the basketball lights. We are currently in a spending freeze, so they'll eventually up the time. The Turn on time for the lights is currently at sunset and the shut off time would be up to the commission. Mr. Greg Yanchenko suggested a meter for the lights where residents would put in money and this would power the lighting. Mr. Black would like get a motion detector system some thought. Currently the lights are shutting off at 9:15 PM. Mr. Bushnell and Ms. Eliot both agreed with the shut off time staying at 9:15 PM for the time-being. Mr. Black said he will adjust accordingly as the daylight shortens and try to keep it within a three-hour window.

CPC Update

Ms. Eliot said the next CPA meeting is Monday, August 24th. Mr. Black said he understands that Mr. Yanchenko and Ms. Eliot have come together to bring forth a management plan for approval. Ms. Eliot explained it would include sanitary facilities, designing of a safer egress for the parking, and emergency funding for the well. Ms. Eliot explained this can be done in phases. She spoke with Mr. Bob Pine and he

feels that the highway department can do a lot of the work that is needed. Greg and Ms. Eliot are still currently finalizing the application but they are looking at a rough estimate for the study, design, bidding and construction services at around \$100,000. If the Park Commission gets into the study and realizes it is not feasible, then they can withdraw and give the rest of the money back to the CPA. Mr. Yanchenko suggests to only pay for what you do. Mr. Black thinks it is a good idea and good plan, it should be supported. Mr. Yanchenko suggested to reach out to lacrosse, soccer and baseball. Mr. Bushnell asked if they are still considering the walking trail right now? Mr. Black said not at this moment.

Approve Invoices

Moore Lumber- \$53.18

Carrot Top Industries- \$30.37

GELD- \$911.13

Park Commission administrative assistant, Kara Cruikshank stated the invoice amounts.

Mr. Black entertained a motion to approve the August invoices totaling at \$994.68. Ms. Eliot moved to approve the amount of \$994.68. Mr. Bushnell seconded the motion. The vote carried unanimously.

Approval of June 16th, 2020 Minutes

Ms. Eliot made a motion to approve the June 16th, 2020 minutes with one amendment from Mr. Black. Mr. Bushnell seconded the motion. The vote carried unanimously

Meeting adjourn at 6:17 PM.

**Respectfully submitted by Kara Cruikshank, Land Use Administrative Assistant
Date approved: September 8, 2020**