

Parks & Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes – March 30, 2021 **Approved 6-1-2021**

Zoom Meeting

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Meeting began at 6:11 pm

Present: Sean T., Mike C., Ronalee R., Lisa D., Leigh-Anne D.

Guest: Ray Champagne, Jerry Klima, Mike Roberge

**New Business**

Review/Vote to approve minutes from February 23, 2021

Ronalee Ray-Parrott made a motion to approve the minutes, Mike Colburn seconded the motion. All in favor minutes approved as written.

Rail Trail

- a. New Trail – Lisa told the Commission members that the trail will be open either on or before July 4, 2021. Jerry Klima said that by the end of July Salisbury will have a rail trail system that will extend from the river to the border of New Hampshire as well as extending over from Lions Park to Amesbury.
- b. Trail Maintenance – The Coastal Trails Maintenance Program which is funded by Adopt a Trail donations cover costs of tree removal and general upkeep of the trails. There was also a discussion other maintenance currently needed along the trails.
- c. Adopting Trails – Coastal Trails operates an “Adopt a Trail” program where local companies donate \$250 toward caring for the trail and their company logo is placed on a sign along the trail indicating their support.

Refurbished Town Bell Placement

Ray Champagne presented a slideshow and gave the Commission members a brief history on the bells significance to the Town of Salisbury. He showed the Commission the work that had been done to repair the bell and the cost involved. He explained the danger of moving it more than necessary and requested that the bell be placed by the Welcome Center being constructed at Salisbury Beach. Concerns were expressed regarding the salt air damaging the bell further.

Tortoise and the Hare

The Tortoise and the Hare will take place on Friday September 17, 2021 kicking off Salisbury Days. Ronalee is looking into incorporating the rail trails into the race route. This will eliminate the need for police details along the roads and promote the trails for future use by the participants. Ronalee mentioned the possibility of hosting two races simultaneously, the 10K and 5k along different trails.

Concession Stand – Who will be running it?

The Commission does not want to charge for the use of the concession stand or run it. However, they feel that a memorandum of agreement should be created and signed by the users (sports leagues) stating that the sports league using the concession stand is accountable for its upkeep. The league would be responsible for cleaning, maintenance (replacing of light bulbs etc.) and would need to obtain the appropriate permits for cooking at the park.

#### Other Business

- a. Corn Hole – The Salisbury Sports Pub wants to host a tournament July 10, 2021 at Salisbury Beach. Ronalee will check out available areas given the construction going on regarding the new Welcome Center. Lisa DeMeo requested that this item be tabled until next meeting.
- b. Fertilizing the ball fields – The Town will be responsible for fertilizing the ball fields. These costs will be covered by the DPW.
- c. Memorial Field Issues – There are animal feces all over the field.
- d. Jeff Johnson Fertilizing Field – the Commission members agreed that Jeff would not be paying for fertilizing the field to offset the cost of use of those fields.

#### **Old Business**

##### Partridge Brook Park Concession Stand Update

The concession stand needs to be leveled. A contractor will be coming in to raise the building, set sonotubes under the edges and pour concrete along with a layer of foam underneath. Once that is done then the plumber will come in to complete the connections. The walkway will then be poured around the building.

##### Partridge Brook Park Handicap Field Accessibility

The walkways and handicap accessible path will be completed after the walkways around the building are set.

##### Beach Field Update

There is about a half a day's work left to be done on the beach field project which will be completed as soon as the fields dry out.

#### Other Business

- a. Mike added that all the fields need to be aerated and over seeded after the season as well as the Town Common. The only exception is Memorial Field which looks good. There are also some trees around the fields at Lions Park. They are in danger of falling. Lisa will prepare a request for the fall Town Meeting.
- b. Rip City Payment Update – Sean has called but received no reply. He will follow up and get back to the Commission at the next meeting.

Meeting ended at approximately 6:43 p.m.