

Meeting Minutes – January 9, 2014

Meeting began at 7pm

Present: Courtney Marshall, Ken Trofatter, Ronalee Ray-Parrott, Mike Roberge

Absent: Don Levesque

Guest Speaker: Lisa Pearson, Planning Director

Other Guests: Brian Fortin, Asst. Superintendent Triton

Baseball-Softball League: Charles DeFranzio, Pete Martin, Rich Morrison, Joe Gilroy

**New Business**PARC Grant

Lisa spoke, announcing that the Town has rec'd a \$400,000 grant to fund the building of the 1<sup>st</sup> phase of a new multi-faceted recreational facility behind Salisbury Elementary School. Phase I includes the creation of a baseball field and a utility field with concession stand and restrooms, educational signs and an area for community gardens, along with connection to recreational trails and a boardwalk along Partridge Brook, which runs along the 30 acres of Town property that will become the park. Along with the Grant, the Town will need to find additional resources through volunteers and fundraising.

Grant Criteria:

- 1) The 50 parking spots at the SES
- 2) Need to have cash amount of \$489,000
- 3) Needs to be engineered by June 1, 2014
- 4) Needs to be completed by June 1, 2015

This year we will need \$50,000 to cover engineering costs. Phase I will give us a walk path, bridges, one baseball field & a utility field.

What Lisa needs from volunteers/others:

- 1) People to go to Town Meeting & Vote to conserve the land as conservation & recreation
- 2) Get Money through Town Meeting – we have to commit all money
- 3) Lisa needs ideas for funds

(Lisa plans to talk to the Thompson Group (Phase II) Solar Park)

The members expressed concerns regarding the issues at the basketball court at Lion's Park. The older kids have been heard swearing and observed smoking marijuana. Due to these unwanted behaviors, the younger kids are unable to use the court. Lisa suggested that we get the kids involved in fundraising, etc. because that way they will be less likely to destroy the park. She suggested a penny drive as a fundraiser for kids.

## Tortoise & Hare Race

### **Per Heidi of HEAT:**

- This year the racers will reverse direction and run against the traffic instead of with it.
- Orange cones will be placed on Lafayette Road
- We need to decide if we want to certify the race for a one-time fee of \$250. Certifying would mean getting more runners because they can earn points for the race.
- Radios are key for communications, especially in an emergency. Phone #'s should be on the radios (911, etc.) In an emergency you should call the Race Director & give the "Bib #."
- We need an announcer. The cost is \$100 to \$300.
- Ideally, we should have a "lead" car and "back" car or bicycle.
- Manual timing would save some money (not a chipped race.) A Timer is a flat fee of \$500 to \$600 PLUS \$2 to \$3 per runner. We generally have 200 runners.
- Get out there NOW and get sponsors. Make it clear that 100% goes to Parks & Recreation.
- Send race itinerary to Anna Jacques Hospital (Ken will take care of this.)

The race will start at 11am and takes about an hour to complete. The Senior Center (Liz Petis) will be contacted for post-race activities in case of cold or rainy weather. Last year was very cold. The 1<sup>st</sup> 100 people to register will get a T-Shirt (unisex) The deadline for the sponsors is April 1<sup>st</sup>. We have some pint size drinking glasses for prizes leftover from last year. We will need the Carnival games, Easter Bunny & Popcorn machine.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>.