

Parks & Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes – January 3, 2018 **Approved 03-01-2018**

Meeting began at approx. 6:45 pm

Present: Ryan M., Sean T., Ronalee P., Lisa D., Leigh-Anne R.

New Business

Review/Vote to approve minutes from April 5, 2017

Ronalee made a motion to approve the minutes, Ryan seconded the motion. All in favor, minutes approved as written.

Review/Vote to approve minutes from November 8, 2017

Ryan made a motion to approve the minutes, Sean seconded the motion. All in favor, minutes approved as written.

New Business

Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for March 24, 2018 at the Salisbury Elementary School from 9:00a.m to 12:00p.m. Ryan suggested the Commission try the Touch a Truck again and reach out to the Police and Fire Departments for use of their vehicles. Leigh-Anne will be contacting Nancy Sweeney and Silly Willy for the DJ and entertainment for this event. Ryan proposed the Commission do a raffle to give away tickets for the Tortoise and the Hare 10K race. Ronalee mentioned that this could inspire people to run with friends adding to the entrants in the race. Tasks were assigned to members of the Commission in preparation for the hunt.

10K Tortoise and the Hare Race

Ryan reported that Priority Motors and Amesbury Chevrolet have not sponsored the race the last couple of years. This could be due to the fact that both companies have been undergoing renovations and are not able to allocate the funds at this time.

Pickle ball

Leigh-Anne handed out packages of Pickle Ball rules and assorted sets that the Commission may purchase for the town use. The Commission was concerned on the size of the pickleball court and if it would fit on the tennis courts. Sean has a contact that could paint lines down for the court and he will be sending Leigh-Anne the contact information to get quotes. Sean also suggested that the Commission use the tape that is available in some of the pickle ball packages to make temporary courts. This would allow the Commission to have the court available and not spend a great deal of money in painting a permanent court at this time. The cost of the permanent lines could be around \$400 or more. Ronalee will be checking in with Liz at the Senior Center to see if there is any interest in the seniors playing pickle ball and how to offset some of the cost.

Other Business

Ronalee announced that Memorial field will be done in the spring.

Lisa DeMeo is the Tree Warden for the Town of Salisbury. Lisa explained to the Commission that the Tree Warden is responsible for the trees within the town access beside roadways. There is a process to go through and criteria to meet in order to remove a tree. If this is not followed then as Tree Warden it is at her discretion whether or not to impose a fine on individuals who do not comply with the rules pertaining to the protection of the trees. Fines could be as large as \$90 per inch in diameter of the removed tree. Ronalee stated that there were some towns' people that were not happy over the removal of some of the trees on the town common. Lisa offered her services as Tree Warden to be responsible for the trees on the town common and all other properties that the Commission handles. The Commission requested this be put on the agenda for the next meeting to be voted on.

Old Business

Skate Park @ Partridge Brook Park

Ronalee was asked by the Commission what was spent from the PARC Grant last year on the skate park. She replied that the bowl was about \$100K, the park was about \$150K and together with the other items such as the playground and concession stand, the cost was around \$700K.

Partridge Brook Park Concession Stand

Ronalee stated that the PARC Grant from last year will only pay for just the shell of the concession stand. That will not include bathrooms, fixtures or appliances.

Flag Football @ Partridge Brook Park

Lisa asked what the budget was for this year for improvements/upkeep on the fields. Ronalee replied it was about \$30K. Ronalee then mentioned that Jeff is already advertising for flag football this spring. Jeff intends to use a field in Southern NH and Partridge Brook Park. Their season goes from the end of April to the end of June weather permitting. Lisa stated that the Commission needs to excavate and pour lines. Discussion ensued regarding how much should be charged for the use of the concession stand. No price has been set yet.

Beach Field

Leigh-Anne informed the Commission that the heads of the baseball league were emailed and requested to attend the meeting. None of them responded to the email or showed up for this meeting. Sean stated that his town lets the little league use the stand. The town cleans the bathrooms but the league takes care of the clean-up at the concession stand. The Commission discussed requesting deposits or charging more for use of the concession stand. Bonds or CDs could be used as well. Lisa stated that the time has passed for free use of the field. With the new things the Commission wants to create for the community, it is time to charge for the use of the field. Sean wanted clarification on what the DPW could do as far as maintaining the field. If the Commission knows what maintenance needs to be paid for then the Commission would have a better idea of how much to charge. Sean also brought up the topic of the Board of Health. Whoever is using the facility should be required to have a Certification from the Board of Health. Ronalee asked if the revolving fund had been established to include separate costs for the individual fields and their usage. She wanted to know if there were separate funds for Partridge Park, the beach field, the skate park, etc. These donations should have line items for all fees to include expenses such as mowing, seeding, fertilizing and aerating 3x per year. Ronalee stated that the Commission should play it by ear for this first year and see how it goes. Ryan made a motion to use the \$30,000 on renovating the beach field. Ronalee seconded the motion. All in favor, motion approved.

Dog Park

Ryan indicated that no one is using the dog park because it is not easily accessible at this point. Tabled.

PARC Grant

Ronalee informed the Commission that the town did not receive the grant this year but will try again next year.

Volleyball

Ronalee reported that the numbers are down for participation but that may be due to the lack of news coverage from the local paper. She will be working on increasing the numbers.

Other Business

Meeting ended at approximately 8:08 p.m.