

Park and Recreation Commission
Minutes of the Meeting
April 13th, 2016

Meeting called to order: 7:30 pm.

Commissioners in Attendance: George Caye, Dave Romejko, Rob O'Connor, Katie Graham, Bill Nowak, Mike Kelly, Al Larson, Dan Van Horn, Mike Saimond

Also in Attendance: Ray Favreau, John Caldwell, Craig Zimmerman, Matt Riley, Bob Dickenson, Tom Bartomeli, Richard and Pat Veilleux, Dick Lane, Gloria Opirhorg

Approval of Minutes: Motion made and seconded to approve the February minutes. Passed unanimously.

Public Input: A group of seniors were at the meeting to promote Pickle Ball and ask that when the town repairs the tennis courts at Rye Street Park they dedicate the courts for pickle ball. The Repairs are in the Capitol Projects Committee budget but it is low in the order and may not make the cut for the 2016/17 projects.

Bob Dickenson asked that the committee support SWWWW changes to have future sidewalks be five feet wide. A motion was made by Al and seconded by Dave to send a letter to Town Council and P&Z supporting the changes. Voted and passed unanimously.

Special Reports: Policelli Awards: Tuesday May 3rd at the SWHS at 7pm. Andy Paterna will be receiving an award if anyone from PARC wants to attend.

Report of Council Liaison: Matt Riley: The B of E budget was approved by the Town Council. The Town Manager is asking for 1.5 mil from the capital projects comm. And not the 2 mil the proposed meaning the Tennis and Basketball courts will probably not make the cut to be repaired at Rye Street Park this year.

Ray asked that we thinking about a name for the future Dzen Tree Farm Park that will be around the pond off Barber Hill Road.

OSTF: None

Report of the B of E Liaison: Craig Zimmerman praised John Caldwell and his group for preparing all the town athletic fields for the spring season. The town crew decided not to remove snow from the turf field in the stadium because of possibly catching a seam on the turf and damaging the field. This is the first year and things may change in the upcoming seasons.

April 22nd at 3:30 will be the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new girls Softball Field on Ayers Road. All members are invited to the event.

Report of Parks and Rec. Director:

Barton Property: Because they had to remove the remaining trees and build the berm, the area will not be ready for this year's Wapping Fair.

Jones Property: The house will be demolished soon.

VMP: Rotary Auction raised approx. \$160,000, most of which will be used to build a new Pavilion at VMP.

Deming Gardens: With all the delays for a future community garden, the area will not now be ready for gardens in 2017. The town is reapplying for the \$20,000 grant.

Priest Property: Nelson, Edwards Co. Architects LLC have presented some preliminary designs for the property.

PARC Restructuring: The group discussed options for future meetings. A motion was made and seconded to start all the future meeting at 7 pm with a two hour time limit from the actual start of the meeting. There would have to be a unanimous vote to extend any meeting. Voted on and passed. Ray will put together an ordinance change to present to the Town Council to change membership from 10 members and 2 alternates to 8 members and 4 alternates.

SWWWW: June 5th, 2016 is CT Trail Day and this year they will be at Rye Street Park promoting the grand opening of the Mt Bike Trial.

SW Food Alliance: None

Meeting adjourned 9:40 pm

Next Meeting: 7:30pm May 11th, 2016

Respectfully Submitted

George S. Caye