



TOWN OF HOPEDALE

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**Park
Commission**
Don Howes, Chair
Jim Abbruzzese
David Sprowl

Hopedale Park Commission June 11, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes 7:00 pm Remote Meeting via Zoom

Call to Order at 7:02 PM

Attendance

Park Commission: Don Howes, Jim Abbruzzese
Absent: David Sprowl
Park Clerk: Mary Arcudi
Town Administrator: Diana Schindler
Guests: Mike Ledone, Suzanne MacNeil, Katie Leone

It was moved by Mr. Abbruzzese, seconded by Don Howes, to approve the regular meeting minutes of May 28, 2020. All were in favor.

Announcements, correspondences and requests

- Ann Englund is an abutter to the Parklands and is concerned about a tree that is very close to her property line. It was hit by lightning years ago causing it to die and this tree lines a path that is traveled by neighbors who visit the Parklands. Don Howes will reach out to her and visit the site.
- A resident reached out regarding the low water and fish that were dying in the Hopedale Pond. Don Howes has contacted the Environmental Police, DEP, Fish and Wildlife and the Town Administrator is in contact with the owner of Draper Mill. Mr. Howes will continue to monitor the situation and report back at the next HPC meeting.
- Suzanne MacNeil has requested to run non-league field hockey practice sessions at Draper Field. All programs need to submit a letter to the Board of Health for approval by the Health Inspector. Once Mr. Fisher approves/disapproves any program, he will notify the HPC. Approval is also needed from the Athletic Director to use the high school goals that are at Draper Field. A schedule will need to be worked out with the Hopedale Youth Baseball as well. As long as these requirements are met, the HPC approves these practices.
- Katie Leone also is requesting to use the Town Park for two summer clinics for K-6th grade field hockey clinics. She is proposing to run them from June 23 - June 25 and the second session from July 7 - July 9 from 9 - 11 am. This program will also need approval from the Health Inspector. The HPC agreed to waive any fees for this summer clinic and does approve this program if the Health Inspector agrees.
- Kathleen Kavanagh would like to continue with her Sunrise Yoga program for Wednesday mornings from 6 - 7 am from July 8 through August 26 near the Hopedale Pond. The HPC approves this program as long as the Health Inspector agrees.
- The Friends of Historic Hopedale mural is now complete and has been in the Milford Daily News, facebook postings and videos galore promoting this fabulous mural.

Public Comment - Short Items (non-discussion)

None

Review previous action items

- Governor's Phase II of reopening Parks and Recreational activities - On June 10th, the Board of Health sent a letter to the HPC stating that no organized youth programs may run a summer or fall program in the Town of Hopedale without written approval of the Health Agent. The HPC does approve the opening of all activities and will wait to hear from Mr. Fisher as to when this will occur. This also includes the playground and park summer programs. The board will look into signs needed for all parks and fields. Bathrooms will continue to stay closed as the cost would be \$397 per week for all 3 bathrooms and at this time the CARE's Act funds are spoken for and not available for the Town Park bathroom cleaning expense.
- Fin and Feather request for summer program - This camp needs approval from the Health Agent. Jeff Leclair has reorganized this program to include 2 sessions instead of one full day program. Also looking for boating and the fishing tournament approval.
- Larry Olsen 10K for September 26, 2020 - It is still too early to approve this event due to COVID19.
- Playground tree restoration/safety warrant and quotes - Mr. Howes has two additional companies quoting on this tree restoration and will report back at the next meeting.
- Update by Recreational Field ad hoc Committee regarding improvements at Draper and/or Phillips Field - The committee is looking to use its remaining funds to improve the softball field at Phillips Field and the baseball field at Draper Field.
- Request to videotape Parklands by Doug Scott from Lakeside Ranch Productions - The Parks Usage Form was received as requested from Mr. Scott and the board approved this project. Asking Mr. Scott to give the HPC one day's notice before doing so.
- Quote received for repairs to Town Park Fence - The board reviewed the quote from AnyFence Co and will prioritize which fence repairs are most important up to \$5,000. Additional work is needed on the Northrup Street side and the board received a quote of \$1400. Jim Abbruzzese made a motion to approve the fence work to be completed on the Northrup Street side in the amount of \$1400, seconded by Don Howes. All were in favor.

New Business

- Possible Town Annual Meeting at Town Park - The meeting is now being held at the Community House.
- Donation of a small SUV to the Park Commission - Mr. Howes inlaws no longer are in need of a 1998 GMC Jimmy and would like to donate this to the Town of Hopedale for the Park Commission use. This would be used for driving through the Parklands and garaged at the Bath House. The cost would be approximately \$400 a year. Jim Abbruzzese made a motion to accept the donation of the 1998 GMC Jimmy for Park Commission use, pending the approval of the Board of Selectmen and a mechanic. Seconded by Don Howes and motion is approved.

Bills and Invoices

All bills up to date.

Public Comment - lengthy items

None

Report of board members

Jim Abbruzzese also asked about the hoops being installed at the Basketball courts and this request will be forwarded to the Health Agent for approval.

Adjourn at 8:37 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Arcudi

Don Howes, Chairman