



TOWN OF HOPEDALE

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Park Commission

Don Howes, Chair
Jim Abbruzzese
John Waswill

April 18, 2019 Meeting Minutes 7:00pm Draper Room, Town Hall

Call to Order - 1900

Attendance

Park Commission: Don Howes, John Waswill, Jim Abbruzzese

Public: Dave Guglielmi

Approval of Minutes: March 21, 2019 – *MSDV Approved. April 10, 2019 – Approval deferred until the next meeting.

Correspondence and requests

- The organizers of the Larry Olsen 5K road race requested permission to use the Bath House, Town Park and Park Lands for the race. Approved.
- The Memorial Elementary School requested use of the Town park during a field trip. Approved.
- A resident has requested use of the Parklands for camping. More information about dates and length of stay have been requested.
- David Guglielmi provided a newspaper article describing improvements to Upton State Forest paid for by grants as a recommendation for further research for future grants for Hopedale.

Public Comment - Short Items (non-discussion)

None

Review previous action items

- Town Park tennis registration, bandstand programs
 - Roughly 25 payments have been received for tennis. More registrations have been received that are awaiting payment.
 - The Summer Park Program managers have discussed throwing an Opening Day pizza party to help generate interest. Additionally, they will send a letter for review to potentially be given to the schools for distribution to help generate more interest.
- Draper Field dogs/signs
 - Signs are on order that will state that dogs are not allowed in the playing field areas but are ok on leash in the walking area at the rear of the park. Jim will also ask HYB to email their families notifying them of these rules.
 - Discussion of sign posting locations
- Phillips Field updates, meeting of 4/10
 - Parking lot repair was approved at the April 10th meeting. Busses were removed from the parking lot on the 11th or 12th of April. Highway brought more reground asphalt and

Olympia Industries graded. Parking lines were painted shortly after. Repair of the parking lot is complete.

- Pond weeds
 - Town lawyers will reach out to the mill owner lawyers regarding removal of boards from the dam to lower the water level for weed treatment and then replace afterwards.
- Review Conservation Committee meeting/bath house
 - Waiting on DEP filing number before the Conservation Commission can provide approval of the replacement of the entrance ramp. Jim to call DEP regarding the status of the filing.
- Rustic Bridge repair proposals
 - Proposals for repair are under review by benefactor.
- Town Park drainage
 - Possible existing old drainage to be reviewed. Dave Guglielmi will ask Water and Sewer to investigate.
- High School Spring sports
 - 115 parking spaces are now available at Phillips Field. Handicapped logo to be painted. No Parking painted near the playground and area leading to the concession stand.
 - The Town Park baseball field is in good shape and received kudos for its good condition.
 - Tennis courts are in use. Waiting on good weather to paint patched areas.

New Business

- Updates on parklands
 - Randy Carbo volunteered time to the Park Commission and installed 2 dog waste stations and pressured washed and repaired tables at multiple locations in the Park Lands.
- Discussion of January review of field needs by intown groups
 - Discussed inviting youth groups to a meeting in November or December discuss their needs from HPC for the upcoming seasons.
 - Fees letter to HYB for 2020 season to be sent soon.
- Discussion of HPC clerk
 - Discussed a roughly 2 hr week, 8-10 hr per month position to help with clerical.
- Bills & Invoices
 - Various invoices reviewed. Given to John Waswill for payment.
 - The HPC received a termination notice from National Grid for bills that were never received. Attempts to contact National Grid were unsuccessful. Work on this to continue.

Public Comment - lengthy items

- Discussed further thanks for volunteer work in the Parklands.
- Discussed removing old grills in the Parklands. To be discussed with the Fire Chief.
- Friends of Historic Hopedale would like to make a donation to the Park Commission. Discussed ideas to have brush removed near Parklands benches and fireplaces and possibly brush along the shore of Hopedale Pond beyond bath house. Discussed asking for volunteers to "adopt a spot" for brush cutting in the Parklands to open water views.

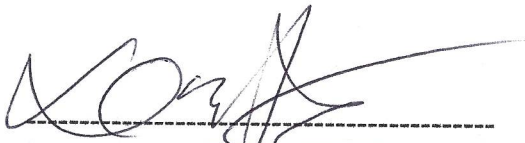
Other topics not anticipated in the last 48 hours

None

Adjourn - 1950


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*MSDV – Motioned, Seconded, Discussed, Approved



Don Howes, Chairman

John Waswill, Treasurer



Jim Abbruzzese, Secretary