



TOWN OF HOPEDALE

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Park Commission

Don Howes, Chair
Jim Abbruzzese

August 22, 2019 Meeting 7:00pm Draper Room, Town Hall

Call to Order at 7 PM

Attendance

Park Commission: Don Howes, Jim Abbruzzese

Public: Susan Ciarmicoli, Sally Decelles, Karen Crebase, Laurie Hampsch

Approval of Minutes: August 1, 2019 *MSDV Approved

Correspondence and requests

- Sally Decelles was present to submit her Parks Usage form representing the Hopedale Cultural Council to use the Town Park for the concert series for next summer. The time and dates are similar to this summer. Jim made a motion to approve the Hopedale Cultural Council's use of the town park for the concert series for next summer 2020, seconded by Don Howes and motion was unanimously approved.
- Sue Brouwer, Executive Assistant for the Administrator reported to Don Howes that she had a request from a resident to allow a vendor to sell beer and wine at the day in the park. This event is under the realm of the Hopedale Cultural Council and would need their approval first. Per a conversation with the Police Chief, this would require having a roped off area, servers having specific certification, separate police detail, wristbands. The inquiry was for next year. Sally Decelles reviewed the process of applying for vendors to participate in Day of the Park. This event is geared to family type activities and overall, all in attendance felt this was not inline with the theme of Day in the Park.
- Don Howes brought up the idea previously mentioned and voted on at the last meeting regarding purchasing concrete blocks which would protect the area similar to a guard rail. The pricing was more than Don realized and will reconsider the additional cost at the next meeting when there is a full board.

Public Comment - Short Items_(non-discussion)

None

Review previous action items

Nomination of open seat on HPC

The HPC received new guidance from the Board of Selectmen that they obtained from Town Counsel regarding the nomination for the open seat for an elected position. Since the board did not have this information prior to the last meeting, there is a need to conduct a joint meeting with the BOS to interview all candidates collectively, raise a motion and vote jointly on one candidate. A new joint meeting with the BOS has been arranged to follow these procedures on Monday, September 23, 2019 at 7 pm.

Completion of town park tennis registration, bandstand programs

Summer tennis and bandstand programs went extremely well. Student staff did a great job. The board will review which positions are needed for next year in the spring.

Dog Park at Draper Field and Bocce Court at Town Park

Paperwork has not been filed for the potential dog park and Bocce Court due to vacation time conflicts with the Park Commission and the Town Administrator. These items will be passed over to the September meeting.

Go Go Goat Mowers

Don attended the Conservation Commission meeting and submitted the letter from Jen Dwinnell from Go Go Goat Mowers regarding goats in the park. This was well received by the Commission. Highway staff were notified and Jim reminded the audience not to try and pet the goats.

Bath House project

The packet of information was transferred to Jim as he will follow up on this project with the Conservation Commission. Next steps include calling Blackstone Valley Tech to see what their schedule is before attending the next Conservation Commission meeting. Don suggested the board meet at the Boat House location to review the project. Don also suggested to move the handicap parking spot in this area which will need Conservation Commission approval.

Update on tennis courts and MIAA regulations - notification to School Committee

Superintendent of Schools, Karen Crebase and School Committee Chair, Lori Hampsch were present to review the tennis court issue regarding the lines and MIAA regulations. Mrs. Crebase informed the board that the Athletic Director, Stephanie Ridolfi has learned that the tennis team can use the courts if the other teams agree which many of the teams have agreed to already. They cannot be used for MIAA state tournament play. The lining is 3 inches too short in length on one side and 6 inches short on another. The cost to completely redo the tennis courts could run up to \$20,000. At this point in time, it was agreed between the two boards that the Park Commission would paint the lines and wait until the following budget year to make major changes as this would be a capital expense, not an expense that either board would take from their own budget. The HPC requested a copy of the MIAA recommendations before any repair lining is done.

HYB. Dugout Plan

Don spoke with Ed Van Doren from CDM Smith regarding the dugout plans. These need to be in writing and exact details of what is being constructed and products being used. Mr. Van Doren wants the paperwork to be submitted from the Parks Commission, not the HYB So a formal plan is needed from HYB to submit and then the board will submit this to Rockwell directly.

Second read on new forms –

Key sign out form and HPC Usage request form will be reviewed at the next meeting when the HPC has a full board.

New Business

- Signs for the new Blackstone River Valley National Historical Park

Sue Ciarnicoli is the volunteer curator of the Little red shop museum. Sue reviewed the history of becoming part of the National Historical Park. One is to be placed near the Little Red Shop Museum and the other will be placed near the Bath House. When the installation is ready, the Highway department should be consulted. Jim made a motion that the Park Commission agrees to the concept of placing signs in the parklands area as recommended by the National Historical Park with the exact location to be determined. Don seconded motion and was unanimously approved. The board wants to be provided with a contact person if any repairs are needed regarding the sign in the future.

- Discussion and vote on Mosquito spraying of HPC playing fields

Residents have inquired if the Park Commission has requested mosquito spraying for the playing fields. Don reached out to a contact person with the Central Mass. Mosquito control board and was informed that the board would need to request any specific mosquito spraying. Jim agreed that the board should formally request the fields to be sprayed and made a motion to call the Central Mass. Mosquito Control Board to spray Draper Field, Phillips Field, Town Park and if they could, the Parklands. Don seconded the motion and was unanimously approved.

- Discussion regarding bus/transportation fees for Summer Park Field Trips

After a review of the invoice from the school department for transportation costs, it was agreed that if the enrollment is low, the park staff would reconsider the field trip. The HPC may look into a small \$5 fee for the bus transportation for next year as well. A full review of the transportation will be done next spring.

- Discussion regarding vendor parking for Day in the Park to be at Pine Hill Triangle area

Parking has always been an issue during Day in the Park. Don Howes suggested the vendors use the Pine Hill Triangle area of the park. Sally Decelles detailed that they use Park Street School for vendors and many of them have heavy large trucks. It was agreed that they will continue to use the Park Street School.

- Review next meeting date to allow for new member to be present (after 9/23 meeting with BOS)

The next HPC meeting is scheduled for the 19th but there is a suggestion to push the meeting off one week to the 26th following the appointment of the third member. *MSDV approved.

- Bills & Invoices

Up to date on all bills and invoices.

Public Comment - lengthy items

None

Report of board members

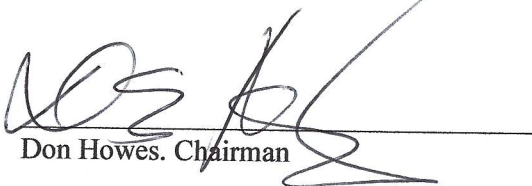
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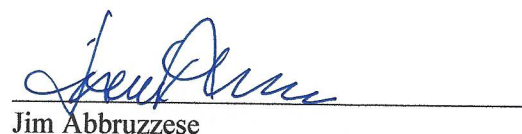
Other topics not anticipated in the last 48 hours

None

Adjourn

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Don Howes. Chairman


Jim Abbruzzese