



## TOWN OF HOPEDALE

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**Park  
Commission**  
Don Howes, Chair  
Jim Abbruzzese  
John Waswill

### January 18th, 2018 Meeting Agenda 7:00pm Draper Room, Town Hall

Call to Order - Town Hall – 19:00

#### Attendance

- Park Commission - Don Howes, John Waswill, Jim Abbruzzese
- Public - David Guglielmi

Approval of Minutes: Nov. 16, 2017

- \*MSDV approved unanimous

#### Correspondence and requests

- The Friends of Historic Hopedale (FoHH) – Request for pond side fire on Feb 10, 2018 with Park Commission as a co-sponsor. – Approved
- FoHH – Request for use of the Bath House and surrounding area and Parklands for the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual fairy walk Sat May 19, 2018 - Approved
- Request from a local forester to assess pruning needs of the trees within the Hopedale's parks. This may prove beneficial to the health of the forest in the Park Lands. - Approved
- Discussed the value of Park property per town request. Don Howes will review in more detail and present recommended changes.

Public Comment - Short Items (non-discussion)

None

#### Review previous action items

- Phillips Field playground and parking lot review
  - Swift's Creative Landscape planted trees at the upper area. The trees were donated by the Tree Warden and the labor was donated by Swift's.
  - The Highway Department is giving guard rail and posts to line the entrance from Mellen St to the parking lot. The Park Commission debated using metal or wood guard rails and in the end agreed on the use of wood guard rails. A motion was unanimously approved to spend up to \$1800 for installing a wood guard rail along the driveway.
- Town Park
  - As a result of a Hopedale Foundation request, the Commission discussed expanding the doorway width of the family bathroom at the bathroom building to accommodate wide wheel chairs. There is an estimated cost of \$1500 for this modification.
  - Band stand structural repairs approved for \$1700 – approved. \*MSDV approved unanimous.
  - Discussed the needs of additional, nonstructural needs of the band stand. To be discussed again during a budget planning meeting.
  - Discussed needed repairs for the Town Park bulletin board. To be discussed again during a budget planning meeting.

- Discussed amp repair at the Bath house at the pond. To be discussed again during a budget planning meeting.
- Park rules, signs and postings, dog policy
  - Deferred discussion to a future meeting.
- Field use maintenance fees
  - Deferred discussion to a future meeting.
- Pond inflow
  - The Park Commission is organizing a committee per quest of Board of Selectmen. Members will include representatives from the Board of Health, Conservation Commission and Park Commission. Water/Sewer commitment forthcoming.
  - Mr. Guglielmi shared the result of the post treatment survey of pond weeds, which reported a 90% success rate of weed reduction. This is within the goal of the treatment and is considered a success.
- Board of Health - food compliance
  - Discussed the request from the Board of Health to inform people who request park use to contact the BoH about a food permit if food is to be served or sold.
- Batting Cage - Town Park
  - Jim to schedule a meeting with the high school and Hopedale Youth Baseball to discussed shared responsibility for the maintenance of the batting cage at Town Park.
- Re-work web site (old info)
  - Deferred discussion to a future meeting.

#### New Business

- HPC Calendar review and approval
  - Approved
- HPC Yearly report
  - Reviewed the Park Commission entry for the town's Annual Report. \*MSDV approved unanimous
- Year end report from Solitude; re: Hopedale pond
  - Covered above.
- Future Eagle Scout projects
  - Discussed the potential for signage project in the Park Lands for Hopedale Cross Country.
  - Discussed the potential for bench replacement at Town Park.
- Tree at 98/100 Dutcher Street
  - Property lines being surveyed to determine ownership of a damaged tree.
- Future budget meeting/park projects
  - Scheduled budget meeting for Jan 30 7pm.
- Bills & Invoices
  - Discussed in brief.

Public Comment - lengthy items

None

Other topics not anticipated in the last 48 hours

None

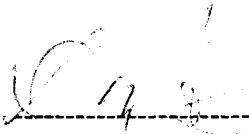
Adjourn - 20:06

\*Moved, Seconded, Discussed and Voted

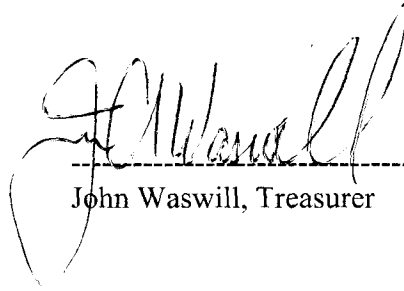
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Don Howes, Charmain



John Waswill, Treasurer



Jim Abbruzzese, Secretary

