



TOWN OF HOPEDALE

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Park Commission

Don Howes, Chair
Jim Abbruzzese
John Waswill

June 21, 2018 Meeting Minutes 7:00pm Draper Room, Town Hall

Call to Order - Town Hall - 19:00

Attendance

- Park Commission: Don Howes, John Waswill, Jim Abbruzzese
- Public: Dave Guglielmi, Katelyn Rizzo

Approval of Minutes: May 17, 2018 – Approved. To be signed at next meeting.

Reorganization of board

- Board positions to remain the same. Don Howes, Chair. John Waswill, Treasurer. Jim Abbruzzese, Secretary. MSDV unanimous.

Correspondence and requests

- Request to hold a small wedding near bath house. Approved
- Request for birthday party near the Bandstand. Approved
- Request for use of Phillips Field for a summer soccer program was cancelled by requestor.

Public Comment - Short Items (non-discussion)

None

Review previous action items

- Phillips Field
 - \$2700 approved to install a chain link fence around play ground.
- Town Park
 - Memorial School Field Day was a success and the HPC thanks MEM for treating Town Park with respect and leaving no trace of their use.
- Park rules, signs and postings, dog policy
 - The No Dogs policy in Town Park and Phillips Field will remain in place.
 - Additional "No Dogs Allowed" signs will be placed at the entrances and on pet waste stations that will be placed between the Park and the Parklands. Need wording to include no dogs in the park, but dogs are ok in the Parklands.
- Field use maintenance fees
 - Need to invoice school asap. Add \$750 for lining Phillips Field this past spring. Add \$1500 next year for the 2018 school year for lining in both fall and spring.
 - Need numbers from Hopedale Youth Softball for spring and summer number to create an invoice.

- Summer Basketball in town park
 - New basketball nets were donated and installed.
- Pond weed updates
 - SOLitude Lake Management reports good progress with the results from the latest treatment.
 - Invasive Water Iris have been seen around the banks of the pond and will be mitigated to prevent future problems. SOLitude will treat.
 - Lilly pad and phragmite treatment is upcoming later in the summer.
 - The current water level is good for additional treatment and for the health of the pond.
- Parkland trees and bridge
 - Additional trees need to be removed but HPC does not have money in the budget.
- Request for use discussion
 - The HPC has recently receiving facility use requests from people out of town. The commission agreed that out of town requests would be approved based on acceptable use.
- Pet waste station
 - The HPC has verbally received notification of the intent to donate 5 or 6 pet waste stations.

New Business

- Updates from Mark Espanet
 - Katelyn Rizzo presented in Mark's absence. 71 kids and 22 adults have registered for the tennis program. The Bandstand activities include crafts, sports, fun activities and field trips to the Southwick Zoo, movies and Douglas Water Slides.
- Pond Water Testing
 - BoH to test pond water in July.
- Baseball garage
 - Discussed the need for baseball to have their own box for their field equipment.
- Littering, trespassing
 - A Trespass Notice was issued to people who had tented in the Parklands after dark for multiple days.
 - The HPC has been notified that nearby residents have been dumping yard waste in pond. This is not allowed.
- Payroll signing - Thursday 6/28 by noon
 - John Waswill will sign summer employee time cards in Don's absence on July 27.
- Bills & Invoices
 - Received a check from HYBA for use of the baseball field at town park for their summer Babe Ruth teams.
 - Arbor One – removed tree branch that had failed near tennis courts. \$250
 - Bolios – Sports equipment and tee shirts for the park summer program. \$1400
 - Solitude - \$2500
 - Portable toilets
 - National grid
 - Ace hardware

Public Comment - lengthy items

None


Other topics not anticipated in the last 48 hours

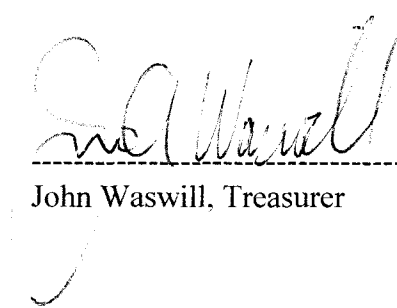
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Adjourn - 20:15

MSDV – Motioned, Seconded, Discussed, Voted

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Don Howes, Chairman 7/19/18
Date


John Waswill, Treasurer 19.5.18 2018
Date


Jim Abbruzzese, Secretary 7/19/2018
Date

