



TOWN OF HOPEDALE

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Park Commission

Don Howes, Chair
Jim Abbruzzese
John Waswill

October 18, 2018 Meeting Minutes 7:00pm Draper Room, Town Hall

Call to Order: 19:00

Attendance

- Park Commission: Don Howes, John Waswill, Jim Abbruzzese
- Public: Tracey Philips, Beverly Carver, Tara Chambers

Approval of Minutes: August 16, 2018 & Sept. 27, 2018 – Approved unanimous

Correspondence and requests

- The Friends of Historic Hopedale requested the use of Adin Ballou Park during the Winter Stroll to sell Christmas trees and wreaths with sales managed by Angel's Garden Center and the Cub Scouts. The Park Commission discussed the need for the planned firepit to be attended at all times with a bucket of water nearby.
- Vendor space at the Winter Stroll is still available for sellers of handmade items.
- Haunted Hopedale was cancelled and is to be removed from Park Commission web page.
- Clarification is needed from the Town regarding insurance coverage for the 2019 Fairy Walk.

Public Comment - Short Items (non-discussion)

None

Review previous action items

- Phillips Field
 - The HGSA is waiting to see what direction the Recreational Field Committee goes with the fields before investing in reconfiguring the softball fields as previously discussed.
 - The HGSA has been in touch with and has shared plans with the high school regarding changes and all agree with the work to be done.
 - Irrigation repairs are needed and will be addressed in the spring.
- Town Park - Tennis & Bandstand programs
 - A wide gap at back of tennis court 3 has been filled in with asphalt.
 - The boards hanging on the fence in tennis court 3 will be replaced as a winter project.
 - Koopman paint donated paint and supplies for painting the swing sets at the playground by volunteer labor.
- Pet waste station
 - Precast footings have been started and will be installed before winter.
 - Those installed at edge of Town Park will state that no dogs are allowed in the park.
 - Numerous donors were thanked during the meeting.
 - Locations for potential future donated pet waster stations were discussed, including Draper field, the Community House and other down town areas.

- Draper Field
 - The Highway Dept removed and old utility pole that was laying on its side near the concession trailer.
 - Sink holes were filled in. Loom will be delivered and spread where needed. Bushes were removed that were blocking parking near the north entrance.
- Haunted Hopedale
 - Cancelled. Covered above
- Request for use
 - The Park Commission reminds all to please submit a Parks Use Request Form to help us keep track of when organizations plan to use the various park areas to avoid conflicts with other requests and planned maintenance.

New Business

- The kiosk at town park needs new shingles and other minor repairs. Quotes for the repairs were obtained and discussed though not yet approved. The Park Commission will first reach out to Blackstone Valley Tech for assistance.
- Similarly, the ramp at the Bath House needs replacing. Quotes for the repairs were obtained and discussed though not yet approved. The Park Commission will first reach out to Blackstone Valley Tech for assistance.
- John Waswill recommended that we look in to the Mass Wildlife Management program that has grant money available that may be put to use in the Park Lands.
- The November Park Commission Meeting is likely to be reschedule to Nov 29.
- Bills & Invoices
 - Bills include electric, winterization of irrigation's at Town Park and Phillips Field, portable toilets, transportation for summer program field trips.
 - Charging for next summer's park program field trip transportation to be discussed. This has traditionally been free to those who attended.

Public Comment - lengthy items

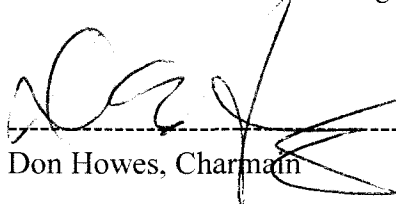
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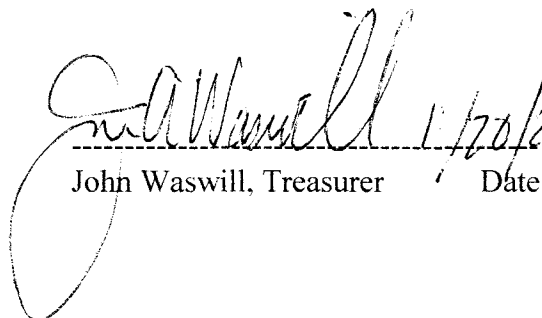
Other topics not anticipated in the last 48 hours


None

Adjourn: 19:35

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 11/21/18
 Don Howes, Chairman Date

 11/20/2018
 John Waswill, Treasurer Date

 11/21/2018
 Jim Abbruzzese, Secretary Date