



TOWN OF HOPEDALE

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Park Commission

Don Howes, Chair
Jim Abbruzzese
John Waswill

September 27, 2018 Meeting Minutes 7:00pm Draper Room, Town Hall

Call to Order - Town Hall - 19:05

Attendance

- Park Commission: Don Howes, Jim Abbruzzese
- Public: None

Approval of Minutes: August 16, 2018

- Revisions are needed. Approval passed to next meeting.

Correspondence and requests

- Girl Scouts submitted a request to camp out in Town Park. Approved. Don Howes will give them keys to the bathrooms and lights.
- The Police Dept submitted a request to use the Park Lands for their annual Gobble Wobble 5K road race on Thanksgiving, Nov 22. Approved
- Kristi Laporte and Toby Vito submitted a request to use Town Park for a town wide yard sale at on Oct 13 from 10am to 2pm with proceeds to be donated to the Park Commission. Approved with the condition that sellers are to clean up after themselves.
- Dean Bank requested the use of the Park Lands for a dog walk fundraiser. Approved and asking for a donation \$225 to be designated for a pet waste station.
- The Outdoor Happiness Movement was brought to the Park Commission's possible grant source for park improvement projects. Jim Abbruzzese will approach them about granting money to have the Town Park playground sand replaced with play mulch. Don to forward an existing quote.
- Don has coordinated the removal of a large, loose branch that over hangs a resident's property stuck in a tree that is on Park Commission managed property. Arbor One examined the branch and will remove it as well as fortify the existing tree structure. Arbor One will coordinate with the resident and send the Park Commission the bill.
- Arbor One will also remove the Tulip Poplar tree in Town Park that has rotted to point of being a safety hazard.
- A dead tree on the Freedom St side of Town Park was removed due to rot.

Public Comment - Short Items (non-discussion)

None

Review previous action items

- Town Park - Tennis & Bandstand programs needs new employees to lead in 2019
 - Ben Tamoush, Hopedale resident, college student and 2018 summer program employee, has expressed interested managing the Bandstand activities and has provided recommended improvements to the program..
 - Matt Constanza, Hopedale resident, high school senior and 2018 Tennis Program employee, has expressed interested in Managing the 2019 Tennis Program.
- Park rules, signs and postings, dog policy
 - A pet waste station was added to an existing post at a sidewalk near Town Park. A will be added to that stating the no dogs are allowed in the park.
 - Discussion of dogs at Draper Field. It was decided to temporarily maintain the existing rules of allowing leashed dogs with the intent to eventually limit leashed dogs the walking area closest to Freedom St. Signs stating the existing rules will be posted and pet waste stations will be installed.
- Pet waste station
 - 10 stations have been donated and purchased. If interested in donating, checks for \$225 marked as "For dog waste stations" can be dropped off at town hall. Selectmen have to accept the donation and then the money is added to dog waste station account. This donation amount pays for the purchase of a station, a plaque honoring the donor a memorial to a dog and materials needed to install securely in the ground.
- Locks at Draper Field
 - Town locks have been installed at the storage boxes and trailers at Draper field. HYB and the high school have been given keys.
- Haunted Hopedale
 - FoHH. Construction in progress by the Friends of Historic Hopedale. This event will be held on the two weekends before and on Halloween. The recommended age for attendance is 2 and up. Portable toilets for these events have been donated by Chase Harris. New gates have been installed in the tennis court, paid for by the FoHH.
- Request for use
 - A letter will be sent to Atria as a reminder to request park use to prevent conflicts.

New Business

- Phillips diamond rework (request by HGSA)
 - HGSA wants to 1) Increase the distance from home plate to the back stop on the far field by repositioning the infield further away from the backstop, 2) Possibly add pitcher's warm up bullpen along parking lot side of the near field, next to the first base dugout. HPC Approved pending a about the proposed changes between the HGSA and the high school.
- Bills & Invoices
 - Invoices provided to John, treasurer. Includes final yearly payment for pond weed treatment.

Public Comment - lengthy items

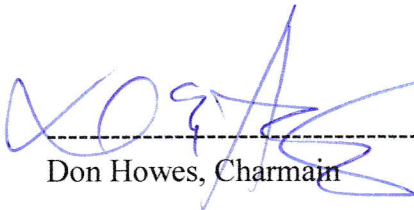
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Other topics not anticipated in the last 48 hours

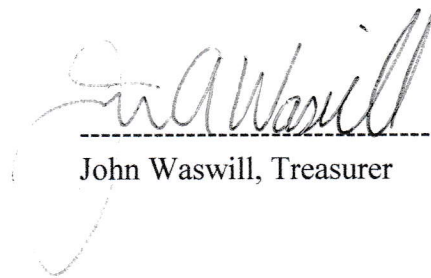
- Discussed fees for MHYS use of Phillips Field this fall. Agreed on \$5 per child using the field.

Adjourn 19:51

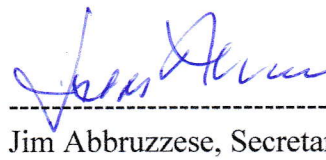
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Don Howes, Charmain Date

 18 OCT 2018

John Waswill, Treasurer Date

 10/18/2018

Jim Abbruzzese, Secretary Date

