



TOWN OF HOPEDALE

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Park Commission
Don Howes (Chair)
Rob Jackson
John Waswill

Park Commission Meeting Minutes 15 December, 2016

Meeting called to order by Chairman Don Howes, 19:04 - Town Hall

Attendance

Present: Don Howes, John Waswill
Citizens: Walter Swift

Correspondence/Request:

- Walter Swift talking about a new product to help deal with the Canada Geese. - Stop the Drop - liquid concentrate to mix in a tank and spray just like what you would do with fertilizer. Geese don't like the taste, and with a UV coloring that only the geese can see the geese stay away from the area. Not sure if you need an applicators license - might just be able to be applied with a backpack sprayer. If a license is needed, then Swift Landscaping would need to do it. Application 6-8 weeks. HPC asking for more information and a test to a small area to determine effectiveness
- Correspondence - Overnight camping request at the lookout - Mark Hebert from Milford, January 14-15 2017. Insurance binder in receipt. Open fires and tin-foil cooking planned. Fee waived. Approved pending discussion with fire chief - Don to look into requirements for a fire permit.
- Discussion regarding Milford Daily News article regarding full time park employee. We might want to reach out to Upton to see if the person to be hired could write grants and go after funding for projects
- Contact by the National Park Service for Blackstone Valley to place a way station (panel with information) at Hopedale Pond near the boat ramp. Desire to have the sign closer to the kiosk that is already there. Tentative approval provided pending Highway department. MSDV
- Notice from Zoning Board - the owner of 192 Dutcher St. wants a special permit to rezone the property to a two-family home. Permission from the HPC is required as her property abuts town park property.
- Bellingham is building a dog park - there are groups that supply funding for design and implementation. Work is done incrementally. Keeping information on file.

Philips Field

- No luck on getting a completion time on the work yet. Some sort of conclusion will be happening this weekend. There are some discussions with an alternative landscaper to potentially help finish up the work.
- Gametime structure that we own - discussion of having that installed. Quote from Ultiplay from Uxbridge to spend \$3470 to install the equipment. Looking to approve up to \$5000 to install equipment, bench, and wood chips to follow in the spring. Motion made by John, seconded, unanimous. MSDV Approved
- Scoreboard is completely done, all electrical, signoff, etc. Presentation from Hopedale Girls Softball and other contributors will be happening.

Parklands parking on Dutcher St.

- Passover for a later meeting

Handicapped Bathroom at Town Park

- Hopedale Foundation has agreed to pay for the construction as a gift to the town. We have a contractor and are ready to proceed. Motion to allow construction to start and accept the gift of the handicapped bathroom as outlined in the past. Motion made by John, seconded by Don, approved. MSDV Approved

Need a full board for long range capital planning discussion

Hopedale Weed Contract

- Chairman spoke with Becky for the weed control. Needs an order of conditions for the service.

Draper Field - New Business

- Looking to start thinking about use of Draper Field. Chairman suggesting that Hopedale Park Commission handles day to day until the final outcome is made. Also suggesting we meet with the Selectmen and discuss options with them as well as other groups involved.
- Parklands - unleashed dogs in the parklands. We have a leash law and a scoop law. Not looking to ask police to step in and monitor the trails, but we do ask that all citizens adhere to these laws as it can cause problems to have dogs running loose in the parklands.
- Bike racks - Looking at new bike racks, eligible for 6 bike racks, we are responsible for installing, \$30 total for all 6 bike racks. May share with the school or other departments.

Bills and Invoices

- Municipal Modernization Legislation - approve one member of the board to sign the bills whereas before we needed a majority to sign the bills. Keep this in mind for potential future changes.
- Issue with Northeast Sanitation - we have a \$882 balance for a bill that we have been paying all along. Company has been rolling over the total but we don't have a history of where it fell short. HPC would need all of the invoices in order to pay whatever is outstanding. Sanitation service bills submitted on (NSC) October 19.

Motion to Adjourn by John, seconded 19:46

Hopedale Parks Commission

*Moved, Seconded, Discussed and Voted ** Roll Call Vote

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