



TOWN OF HOPEDALE

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Park Commission
Don Howes (Chair)
Rob Jackson
John Waswill

Park Commission Meeting Minutes 24 January, 2017

Called to order 19:02 - all in attendance

Meeting called to order by Chairman Don Howes, 19:02 - Town Hall

Attendance

Present: Don Howes, John Waswill, Rob Jackson
Citizens: Beverly Carver from Friends of Historic Hopedale

Approval of Minutes from December - MSDV Unanimous

Correspondence/Requests

- Friends of Historic Hopedale would like to do a pond-side fire at the bath house area on the beach. The plan is to have the event on Sat. Feb 11 following the fireman's fishing derby (if they have ice) which lasts from 6 AM to 3 PM. The pond-side fire would be around 4 PM to 8 PM in a fire pit on the beach front. We would use the inside wood stove and supplies for s'mores, cocoa, coffee. HPC is providing the facility only. As this is a town sponsored event, town covers the insurance.

Rob motion to approve, MSDV unanimous.

- Don shared a newspaper article regarding dog park that was discussed at the previous meeting.
- Received an application for Fireman's Fishing Derby on Feb 11th. Approval tentative on date as the 11th might not provide enough ice.
- Don shared a newspaper article from Medway regarding turf fields. The in-town teams don't seem to be getting enough usage of the fields, as priority is being given to leagues who pay more money for usage. If Hopedale does a turf field, we would need to properly set the priority for field usage to ensure schools would get top priority.
- Received email from Barry Gorman regarding tennis dates. Secretary to get schedule up on the website. Proposal to adjust cost structure to go with \$30 for first tennis attendance, and \$10 for siblings.
- Note regarding the Scout usage of the parklands. There was a smoldering ember left in the fire pit. There is not an issue moving forward with the Troop. There was an issue with the snow pile at the gate, and the fire department couldn't get in. Don working with Highway to find another spot to push the snow. We might possibly require a 5 gallon jug of water to be on hand for any event having a fire.
- Email on conflict of interest law. Need to take conflict of interest training
- Annual town report. Secretary to double check the font and consolidate down to 2 pages.

Additional ideas from Friends of Historic Hopedale

- Snowshoe trail in the parklands. The only question is with respect to necessary grooming of the trail(s).
- Discussion about a fundraiser spooky-trail in October, possibility held at the parks inside the tennis court area to secure the equipment. The event would be on

Friday/Saturday/Sunday for a couple of weekends in a row. Funds would be raised by charging people admission to the trail. FOHH would likely need police coverage, parking arrangements. Mark Andolina will likely help with the construction. FOHH would pay to add another door to the tennis court area so there was an ingress and egress to the trail.

Phillips Brohters Field

Mike Perroti from Uxbridge starting installation of Playground equipment in 2-3 weeks depending on his schedule. Highway department will be moving the equipment from the Quonset hut down to the field. Lot has still not been paved, but we are looking to get asphalt that is there and spreading it out to make a usable surface. There are some people that want to donate services. Mountain of asphalt at Lot A has been used completely.

Town Park

The contractor for Bathroom doesn't want to start until the weather better. He will need to fence off a work area and provide a temporary connection from the water to the bathrooms for when school sports start.

Passing over Bills and Invoices

Motion to close from Rob, seconded by John, MSDV Approved. 19:41

Hopedale Parks Commission

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

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