



TOWN OF HOPEDALE

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**Park
Commission**
Don Howes, Chair
Michael Ledone
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Hopedale Park Commission February 18, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes 7:00 pm Remote Meeting via Zoom

Call to Order at 7:00 PM

Attendance

Park Commission: Don Howes, Michael Ledone, David Sprowl(at 7:10 pm)

Park Clerk: Mary Arcudi

Administrative Assistant: Lindsay Mercier

Guests: Jim Abbruzzese, Tim Watson, Carole Mullen

It was moved by Michael Ledone, seconded by Don Howes to approve the regular meeting minutes of January 21, 2021. All were in favor.

Announcements, correspondences and requests

- The Park Commission has received two requests from Hopedale Cultural Council for summer 2021 band concerts and September Day in the Park. The summer concerts would be held on June 23rd, 30th, July 14th, 21st, 28th and August 4th and 11th. Day in the Park is scheduled for September 18th, 2021. These events will need further review by the Hopedale Board of Health. Michael Ledone made a motion to approve the summer band concerts dates and the Day in the Park on September 18, 2021, seconded by Don Howes. All were in favor.
- Draper Field and Landfill Status Report was submitted to the Park Commission from CDM Smith who tests the wells on a regular basis. No red flags were reported and these documents are also sent to the Board of Health and are available upon request. Report was requested by Tim Watson, Water and Sewer Manager and Jim Abbruzzese, Chair of the Master Plan Steering Committee.
- Notice of Intent to Sue Board of Selectmen regarding 364 West Street was received by the Hopedale Park Commission as a concerned party. The HPC is not listed in the lawsuit and there is no additional information available if the lawsuit is moving forward.
- A Benchmark Review request from the Master Plan Steering Committee was sent to the HPC. Jim Abbruzzese, Chair of this committee was present to explain the function and expectation of this review that pertains to the Park Commission to identify past, present and future tasks. The Park Commission will schedule a workshop to review and complete this review and forward the results to the Master Plan Steering Committee.

Public Comment - Short Items (non-discussion)

None

Review previous action items

- The members of the board review the proposed budget and capital requests which were sent to the Finance Committee. Don Howes requested that the clerk reach out to the Finance Committee as to what the next steps are.

New Business

- The Park Commission has received a \$21,000 anonymous donation to be used exclusively for the repair and upgrading of the playground equipment specifically for the Hopedale Town Park. Don Howes has been in touch with the company used for the playground equipment, Ultiplay for quotes. This money will allow the town to remove the current large slide and replace with a legally safe, compliant slide and other improvements. Once the board accepts the donation, it will also need to be accepted by the Board of Selectmen at their meeting on February 22, 2021. The donation will be deposited into the revolving account where two signatures are needed for any withdrawals. The HPC and residents present were greatly appreciative of this very generous donation. David Sprowl made a motion to accept the donation of \$21,000 to be used to repair/replace/upgrade/enhance the playground equipment at the Hopedale Town Park under the direction of the Hopedale Park Commissioners. Motion was seconded by Michael Ledone and all were in favor.
- Water and Wetland LLC has reached out to the Park Commission with a competitive quote for weed control. Don Howes will reach out to our current vendor, Solitude and this new company for abbreviated and full quotes of service to compare in detail. He will report back at the next HPC meeting.

Bills and Invoices

None to review

Public Comment - lengthy items

None

Report of board members

Don Howes will keep the members informed as to the progress of quotes and details of improvements to the Hopedale Town Park and any delivery of playground products. The board is hopeful that the Town Park renovations/improvements will be ready for summer use.

Motion to adjourn was made by David Sprowl, seconded by Michael Ledone at 7:45 pm