



TOWN OF HOPEDALE

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**Park
Commission**
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Hopedale Park Commission May 20, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes 7:00 pm Remote Meeting via Zoom

Meeting was called to order by David Sprowl at 7:02 pm

Attendance

Park Commission: David Sprowl, Michael Ledone, Michael Reynolds

Park Clerk: Mary Arcudi

Administrative Assistant: Lindsay Mercier

Guests: Beverly Carver, Tara Chambers

The Board welcomed new Park Commission member Michael Reynolds and thanked Don Howes for his outstanding 6 year service to the Hopedale Park Commission.

A discussion was held for reorganizing and a motion was made by Michael Ledone to appoint David Sprowl as the new Chairman, seconded by Michael Reynolds. All were in favor. Michael Reynolds volunteered to be the liaison for the ball fields and tennis program including the summer tennis/craft program. Mike Ledone is available to assist in any way.

Michael Ledone made a motion to approve the minutes of April 15, 2021, seconded by David Sprowl. Both members voted in favor. (Michael Reynolds was not a member at the time)

Announcements, correspondences and requests

- The HPC received a Park Usage form from Principal Brian Miller to hold a 6th grade Field Day at Town Park on June 14th (rain date 6/15) which was overwhelmingly approved for June by a motion from Michael Ledone, seconded by Michael Reynolds and all were in favor.
- A Park Usage form was submitted by Jeff Leclair of Fin and Feather for a return of their Outdoor Adventure Program. Michael Reynolds made a motion to approve this program contingent on receiving approval from the Board of Health, seconded by Michael Ledone. All were in favor.
- The Milford Regional Hospital Auxiliary has requested to use the Town Park for an annual meeting on June 8th. Michael Reynolds made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Michael Ledone and all were in favor.
- Jim Abbruzzese submitted a request to use Phillips Field for an adult softball informal league on Sundays. Michael Ledone made a motion to approve this request, seconded by Michael Reynolds and all were in favor.

Public Comment - Short Items (non-discussion)

None

Review previous action items

- Summer Band Concert Schedule has been finalized and the program is ready to return this summer.
- Eagle Scout Parklands project has been completed by Quynn StGermaine and was signed off by former Chairman Don Howes.

- The contract with Water and Wetland, LLC has been signed for the Hopedale Pond treatments and will commence in June.
- The HPC budget submitted to the Finance Committee for FY22 has been accepted and will be presented along with the entire town budget on May 22nd.
- A short discussion was held to follow up on the request for diversity in Hopedale Parks for consideration. The board will invite Greg Habel to the June 17th meeting to further discuss ideas moving forward.
- The board was updated on Town Park Playground renovations/repairs by Michael Ledone and many thanks to the volunteers including those that came out from Ultiplay.
- Bench footings for Memorial benches have been repaired and/or installed as planned. Highway crew will reinstall the bench that needed repair work. The new benches have not been delivered as of yet.
- Thankfully the state has lifted the outdoor sport restrictions so that the basketball court can reopen. Michael Ledone volunteered to put the hoops back up as soon as possible.
- The land surveying needed due to the rock wall damage near Northrup Street has not been done yet. David Sprowl will reach out to the company for an update.

New Business

Mr. Corey Howard, 84 Dutcher Street, emailed the Park Commission regarding a tree issue that hangs directly over town parklands. This tree is severely rotted and has been looked at by Becca Solomon, Hopedale Tree Warden. This tree is clearly on the resident's property and they are prepared to remove the tree but are looking for some financial assistance from the Park Commission. After a discussion regarding the town's liability in regards to this tree, it was determined that David Sprowl would reach out to the Town Administrator for guidance.

Bills and Invoices

The clerk presented the board with bills from Chase/Harris Portable Toilets for fees for cleaning at Draper and Phillips Fields in the amount of \$1330 to be paid from the revolving account. Michael Reynolds made a motion to approve this expense in the amount of \$1330 to be paid from the revolving account, seconded by Michael Ledone, and all were in favor.

Public Comment - lengthy items

None

Report of board members

Michael Reynolds contacted the Highway Department regarding an email from a resident to see if the tree stumps could be cleared from the large White Oak that was cut down near the pond. They will clear this at their earliest convenience.

Mike also reached out to Jay MacDonald from Hopedale Youth Girl's Softball in regards to watering of the fields at Phillips and also reached out to Tim Watson of Hopedale Water/Sewer regarding the sprinklers at Town Park. He will be asking Emerald Irrigation for a quote on any estimate of repairs needed and will report back to the board at the June meeting.

The clerk reported that Tom Beder will continue to raise and lower the flags at the Park.

David Sprowl will handle the Hopedale Park Commission facebook page with Michael Ledone as backup.

Motion to adjourn was made by Michael Reynolds, seconded by Michael Ledone at 8:00 pm. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Arcudi
HPC Clerk