



TOWN OF HOPEDALE

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**Park
Commission**
Michael Reynolds
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Hopedale Park Commission February 10, 2022 Meeting Minutes 7:00 pm Remote Meeting via Zoom

The meeting was called to order by Chairman David Sprowl at 7:02 pm.

Attendance

Park Commission: David Sprowl, Michael Reynolds Absent: Micheal Ledone
Clerk: Mary Arcudi
Guest: Ricardo Lima

Mike Reynolds made a motion to approve the minutes of January 20, 2022 seconded by David Sprowl.
All were in favor.

Announcements, correspondences and requests

- Bonnie Combs, from the Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor submitted a Park Usage Request to lead a guided walk in the Parklands on March 20, 2022 to celebrate National Take a Walk in the Park Day. On the walk, the guests will be joined by a ranger from the Blackstone River Valley National Historical Park who will interpret some of the history of the area. They will be working with Sue Ciaramicoli from the Little Red Shop Museum as well. Mike Reynolds made a motion to approve this event, seconded by David Sprowl and all were in favor.

Public Comment - Short Items (non-discussion)

None

Review previous action items

- **Park Commission Capital Improvement Projects** - Mike Reynolds updated the board on the fencing that needs fixing on the Northrup Street side of the Town Park and once the Commission receives the invoice, it would be paid from both the repair line (40%) and the revolving account (60%). Mike will follow up with Mike Ledone on whether the purchase order was signed and submitted to AnyFence. The Rustic Bridge is in disrepair and many town residents are volunteering to help restore the stone bridge. Since the pond water is so low, some of the stones may be removed and stored at the Highway barn. This will be a temporary fix at this time.
- **FY23 Budget** - Mike Reynolds spoke with Joe Onorato from Water and Wetlands who treat the weeds for the Hopedale Pond regarding treatments in the past and the future plans. A sonar treatment was done back in 2016 which is a complete treatment. Since then a clipper treatment has been completed which mitigates the weeds for a shorter period of time. The sonar treatment cost is between \$40,000 and \$50,000 which would be a capital planning request. The clipper treatment runs close to \$10,000. The Park Commission has not received any notification as of yet as to when to submit their FY23 Budget.

New Business

The Park Clerk. Mary Arcudi, will be retiring effective April 1, 2022 and the position will be posted on the Park webpage. Mary will assist the new clerk in learning the ins and outs of the part time position.

Bills and Invoices

None

Public Comment - lengthy items

None

Report of board members

Mike Reynolds will be installing the Communications Board received from the FlutieFoundation at the Town Park next week.

The Town Park bathroom has been completely winterized and the water completely shut off as the heating system in the maintenance room is insufficient. A new meter has been installed by the Water and Sewer Department.

Other topics not anticipated in the last 48 hours

A last minute request was received from the Mendon/Upton/Hopedale Girls Scouts to host a World Thinking Day story walk in the Parklands on March 30, 2022. There will be 50-80 girls scouts participating. Mike Reynolds made a motion to approve this event, seconded by David Sprowl and all were in favor.

Mike Reynolds made a motion to adjourn at 7:33 pm, seconded by David Sprowl and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Arcudi
HPC Clerk