



## TOWN OF HOPEDALE

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### Park Commission

Don Howes, Chair  
Jim Abbruzzese  
John Waswill

## March 21, 2019 Meeting Minutes 7:00pm Draper Room, Town Hall

### Call to Order - Town Hall - 19:05

#### Attendance

- Park Commission: Don Howes, Jim Abbruzzese, Absent – John Waswill
- Public: Tracey Philips, Kaitlin Federico

#### Approval of Minutes: February 21, 2019

- Approved – Motion: Jim Abbruzzese. Second: Don Howes

#### Correspondence and requests

- The Senior Center requested use of the Parklands for senior “meetup” (walking tour) - Approved
- Hopedale Youth Baseball petitioned the Conservation Commission to add fencing to dugouts at Draper Field
- Hopedale Cultural Council requested use of Town Park for the annual Day In The Park event on Sept. 14, 2019 - Approved
- Hopedale Cultural Council requested use of Town Park for the summer Band Concert series – 6 dates – Approved
- Bonnie Combs requested to bring the Blackstone River Watershed cleanup crew to the pond and Park Lands on April 13. Approved. HPC to provide trash bags. Other public service options discussed.
- Hopedale Youth Girls Softball informed the Park Commission that they still plan to adjust backstop/dugouts/fences to meet MIAA and other softball guidelines and added safety. Schedule to be coordinated with High school. This was previously approved.

#### Public Comment - Short Items (non-discussion)

- Tracey Philips asked if there were HPC projects that could benefit from donations collected at the Fairy Walk. Discussed more pet waste stations and new picnic tables or repaired benches. Also discussed a possible new location for the Fairy Walk food court.

#### Review previous action items

- Town park tennis registration, bandstand programs
  - Online registration and schedules can be made public and will be open on April 1. Jim to create form for recording checks at town hall.
- Draper Field dugouts, dogs

- Kaitlin Federico discussed the previously approved use of Phillips Field for an adult coed softball league. Discussed items such as time frames, schedules, no alcohol and the donation procedure.
- Jim to follow up with Milford Hopedale Youth Soccer regarding any possible schedule worked out with the High School.
- Busses are being moved to the Rosenfeld Concrete parking area near Plain St.
- The Phillips Field parking lot needs repair due to plowing the ground asphalt surface. The High School is working with the Highway Dept and possible a contractor. New lines will need to be painted for parking.
- Pond, bathhouse
  - Blackstone Valley Tech designed a new ramp/platform/stairs for the Bath House. BVT will also construct this year. HPC pays for materials, BVT supplies labor.
- Review Conservation Committee meeting
  - Hopedale Youth Baseball dugouts addressed above.
- Rustic Bridge repair proposals
  - A project to repair the Rustic Bridge has been financially backed but proposals and engineering reviews are being reviewed for efficient use of funds.

### **New Business**

- Town Park drainage
  - Highway cannot help improve drainage due to their schedule. Quotes from a Highway recommended contractor were received. \$6500 for new drainage between the tennis courts and the playground. \$9300 for new drainage between the basketball and tennis courts. Replace a Drinking fountain \$875. Reconnecting the drinking fountain option to be reviewed by the Board of Health. No vote taken.
- High School Spring sports
  - Tennis courts need repair to meet MIAA regulations. Needed repairs were discovered after recent snow melt and need to be addressed immediately. The cost to repair one court is \$1800, or \$5000 to repair all three. Due to early spring temperatures, long term repair cannot be guaranteed but can be completed by April 1. All three repaired for \$5000 were approved. Approved – Motion: Jim Abbruzzese. Second: Don Howes. Will also need paint.
  - A new tennis net has been put up in court 3. The net in court 1 is ok. The net in court 2 will be replaced soon.
- Budget/Finance work meeting
  - To be scheduled in April
- Bills & Invoices
  - Deferred to working, public meeting when transferring treasurer responsibility. Discussed need for a clerk to help clerical duties performed by board members.

### **Public Comment - lengthy items**



None

Other topics not anticipated in the last 48 hours

- The family bathroom at Town park has been opened. The others will be opened after the last freeze of the season.

**Adjourn 19:55**

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Don Howes, Chairman  
John Waswill, Treasurer  
Jim Abbruzzese, Secretary