Recreation and Parks Meeting Minutes 12/18/2018

NOTE: The following is a **summary** of matters submitted at a meeting of the Recreation and Parks Commission in accordance with M.G.L Chapter 39 and the Massachusetts Open Meeting Laws.

- 1) Called to order: 7:01 PM.
- 2) Attendance: All present.
- 3) Minutes of last meeting: Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes of the last meeting; all in favor.
- 4) Appearances: Chris Huntress could not attend.
- 5) **Reports:** see attached. Addendum & Actions taken:
 - a) Superintendent: No addendum.
 - b) Recreation Supervisor: Absent.

6) **Topics**:

- a) Reynolds' Playground: Discussion of plans, procedures, and costs of the proposed Reynolds' Playground project. Discussion included hiring of a company to oversee the project; proposed construction costs (attached); Possible grants and other sources of money for the project; status and disposition of the trust money left for winter sports; Drainage project; Breaking the project into phases vs. doing it all at once; "fine tuning" cost estimates; size and utility of storage/restroom building; and estimated project dates. The Town Administrator and Town Counsel are working on accepting the Trust fund, and believes @ \$1.7 million will be available when accepted. As of now the Board believes that \$2.7 million will be needed in the coffers for the total project, to include a \$200k maintenance fund.
- b) <u>COA proposal</u>: The COA has proposed a building remodel to redo the kitchen, lounge, sun room, and lobby, to be paid for by the Shattuck fund and the Friends of the COA. Future meetings are planned.
- c) <u>Pickle-ball</u>: Town administrator agreed that the group wanting the outdoor courts needs to organize private fundraising for the construction and maintenance, as its School property and the Town doesn't have the money.
- d) <u>Bud Orne Rink</u>: Chip has been receiving e-mails regarding the use of the rink from Steward Woodrow, who is now a resident of NH. Chip has explained he would be happy to meet with any current Town residents if there's any concerns regarding the rink, but the property belongs to the Town and this Department and usage cannot be dictated by any one Town sports group.
- e) <u>Gatchells fence</u>: The fence is still up, but Pete has been in constant contact with MYB to get it removed for the season and they have promised to do it soon.
- f) <u>Light House Pavilion</u>: Board discussed that something will need to be done soon with the Lighthouse pavilion on the parking lot side as it's becoming a safety hazard.
- g) <u>January meeting:</u> Chip reported that the Town administrator has been invited to a January meeting to meet the Board.
- 7) <u>Timekeeping</u>: Meeting Adjourned: 9:08 PM. Next meeting to be determined.