

**Recreation & Parks
December 6, 2022
6:30p @ Community Center**

Attendance: Derek Norcross, Linda Rice Collins, and Matt Martin

Approval of Minutes of 11/15/2022 - move approved, all in favor

New Business

- Pickleball - Tree removal at Seaside due to buckling. Do we need to grind the stump?
- Derek met with Charlie Quigley and Rick Smyers about bike agreement. The Conservation Agent gave permission to start construction . May need departmental assistance.
- Will walk property to mitigate erosion

Appearance

- Mark Babineau Proposed Eagle Scout Project Presentation
 - Provided handout
 - Bat Boxes - construct and mount at Gatchells Playground
 - Beneficiary Representative - Peter James, Superintendent of Recreation & Parks
 - Motion made to allow bat box construct and mount. Move approved. All in favor.

Topics

- FY24 Budget Discussion
 - Meeting with our FinComm liaisons to start discussion about level funded budget and increased budget due to increased responsibility and clerical duties. Commissioners and Staff to review needs prior to budget meeting.
- Memorandum Of Understanding School Discussion
 - Set-up meeting with Dr. Buckey, Michelle Cresta, Sarah Fox, Jaime, Peter and Derek

Park Report

- Field Report
 - Spring flowering bulbs were planted around Park garage and adjacent property
 - Cleared overgrowth from first base line at Vets 1 and planted a mix of daffodils and tulips near the old flag pole
 - Cut up and removed several large branches at Vets field and multiple at Orne playground
 - Removed crab apple tree at Seaside as it was starting to lift newly repaired courts
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- Foreman Report
 - Continued with fall leaf clean ups
 - Trash being done M-W-F last weekend trash was this past weekend
 - Removed field hockey nets from Seaside
 - Crew moved sailboats and racks for new waterline installation at Stramskis
- Japanese Knotweed @ track - Conservancy (Don Morgan) to assist with taking care of it?
- Old red track shed at Hopkins field Peter to email Sarah Fox picture to address at their next Facilities meeting.
- Paint open boards @ Hamond Nature Center. Timbers @ double A field - need to be replaced. Replace stairs - eagle scout project?
- Chain needs to be replaced at Gatchells
- Turf blankets will go down when temperature drops
- Received Shattuck funding - 17K Hobbs, 16K for Lights @ Seaside depending on grant funding
- Stramski Update - Bob Donovan started on the waterline- 2 inch new line specific for the house. 26 Stramski Way
- Pavilions @ the beach. All have been filed with the registry of deeds. Early Spring - Bobby Pappas
- Pickleball Lights @ Seaside - when to turn off. No shoveling of the courts. If you leave the nets up, loosen them to relieve tension. Snow lock courts - prep messaging
- Meeting with Town Admin, Cemetery and DPW on Redds Pond discussion sidewalk repairs. Possibility transferring the outer part of pond Rec & Park. Funding for grants for recreation use is easier to receive.,
- Patched roof @ Community Center to get through the winter.

Recreation Report

- Revolving Fund
 - Status YTD
 - FY22 -Dec - July
- Programs
 - Basketball Season
 - Winter 2023
 - Summer Hiring
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- Events
 - Elves in Training

Correspondence

Kathleen Collins - Girl Scout Cookie Booth Community Center parking lot - move approved

Ryan White -Wedding Crocker Park time adjustment - move approved

Jen DiPitero - Cheer trophies - move approved.

Public Comment - Sarah Fox - asking for Recreation & Parks to present what it would cost to properly run the department.

Next Meeting January 3 @ 6:30p Meeting adjourned 8:00p