

North Brookfield Parks & Recreation Committee

Minutes of 11/02/2023

Present: Brandon Avery, Tara Hayes, Jamie Gilman,

Absent: Mike Hinkley

Guests:

Meeting called to order at 6:04

Approval of minutes of 10/5/2023; Tara made a motion, Jamie seconded, and the minutes were accepted.

Financials

Reviewed and signed bills for National Grid for \$50.75 & \$31.52, Howe Lumber for \$74.20, Amazon for \$81.18, expense for Brandon for \$165. Reviewed the gas bills from Highway. Discussed the prior year bill and mentioned that it will be on the warrant for the STM on 12/8. We will be getting a bill from Bond for the ¾" stone that was delivered.

We will be doing a turn over to the Playground: Revenue account for the electricity for Trunk or Treat (\$25) and to the Playground: Gift Account for the donations from Still Harts fundraiser for the Common (\$191). Tara wrote thank you letters to Still Harts and 501 Disc Golf for their donations.

Old Business

Tara mentioned that Jeff Bennett has the forms for the ice rink and wondered if we were interested in setting that up this winter. Discussed and decided that not at this time but we will put it on the survey to see if there is interest in it.

We will publish the survey at the beginning of February so we need to firm up the questions.

We are still looking for a fifth member of the committee. Matt Grant may be interested; we will invite him to the next meeting.

Town Forest Park

Brandon asked Jamie if we still need the broken bridge or if we can get rid of it. We will need the poles to fix it; Brandon will ask highway to bring them over

We are getting the timbers from the Hardwick Bridge for the parking lot.

The gravel needs to be spread.

There are ATVs that ride on the power lines, going on the trails and making a mess. We talked about putting up signage and mentioning to the Chief.

Town Beach

Reviewed the electricity at the Town Beach. Tara spoke to National Grid and they advised to call at the beginning of December to schedule the shut offs. Tara wrote a letter to the EB BOS & P&R for Brandon to sign and send to them.

The Common

We need to get the I-beam removed and move the water hook up to nearer the fence and shed.

We will need highway to remove the old tire (hopefully less than \$100).

Brandon and Jamie discussed lengthening the chains on the swings.

Jamie made a motion to accept the non-verbal banner as a gift, Tara seconded, Brandon will contact Jillian Phillips to get it.

General

The Facebook page is done. Mike needs photos and what we want to use as a profile pic. We agreed that the fountain will be a great profile pic.

Think of ideas for play equipment that can be made inexpensively and low maintenance: ie, a sandbox

Follow up items

Mike will look into getting some shredded rubber for the swing area.

Our next meeting will be December 7th at 6:00pm. Brandon made a motion to adjourn, Tara seconded. Adjourned at 7:04