

North Brookfield Parks & Recreation Committee

Minutes of 09/07/2023

Present: Brandon Avery, Tara Hayes, Jamie Gilman, Mike Hinkley

Absent: Jamie Gilman, Michelle Thayer

Guests:

Meeting called to order at 6:00

Approval of minutes of 08/17/2023; Mike made a motion, Tara seconded, and the minutes were accepted.

Financials

Reviewed and signed bills for National Grid for \$31.13 and \$41.38, Howe Lumber \$101.80 and reimburse Brandon for \$79.97 (can't reimburse for sales tax).

Brandon asked if we should donate a case of paper; Tara suggested waiting.

Old Business

Reviewed Sheila's draft of the survey (attachment 1). This is the first step in creating a master plan for the Common from which we will be able to apply for more grants. The Town Master Plan has a component in it for the Common. Sheila will be invited to our next meeting to discuss any changes and talk about going live with Survey Monkey or another survey software. We can also have hard copies of the survey distributed around town for people to complete.

Town Forest Park

Do we need the old bridge in order to make the new bridge? Determined that we don't as it is unsafe in its current condition and rather useless. It will be taken down.

Brandon would like a No Parking sign for the triangle at the TFP.

Town Beach

Jason Petraitis is working on a letter to the EB BOS regarding the Town Beach.

The Common

Picnic tables are being vandalized. There are burns, holes in the wood, etc. Some ideas were discussed. Ultimately it was decided that we would ask Chief Smith to see if the Officers would stop by and discuss with the kids that this isn't good; these were purchased to give them a place to sit and if they continue to destroy, the town will not be able to replace them.

We are going to send an email to the softball group asking if they could help with pulling some weeds from the infield stone dust.

Jamie talked about the youth soccer program and his interactions with them.

Going forward, any new projects/improvements need to consider ongoing maintenance.

We reviewed the Task List and updated.

Our next meeting will be September 21st at 6:00pm.

Jamie made a motion, Tara seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 7pm.