

Town of Sullivan Parks and Recreation Committee – Meeting April 6, 2023

Attendance: Kristal Bubar Chair, Don Snoke Co-chair, Bud Means Select person

Audience: Conrad Ober, Misty Gleason, Bonnie Sparks

Agenda Item 1: Sumner Park – water issues

A. DOT representative not able to attend. A suggestion was made to explore with DOT the possibility of running a pipe under the highway with a sump pump to pump when there is excessive water in the park. Seems like the DOT still has some, if not all, culpability for the water issue.

Action: DOT representative will be invited to attend again.

B. A few years ago DownEast Acadia Scenic Byway Committee submitted a grant proposal that included a bike station @ the Skate Park and a walking path connecting the park, the Recreation Center, Sumner Park and Gordan’s Wharf. The proposal included engineering plans and/or recommendations.

Action: B Sparks will try to request copies of the proposal and the engineering plans.

C. Federal grant proposal under Federal Earmark funding was submitted by the Town (written by G. Edwards, D. Snokes and B. Leavitt) to assist in building a new Town Office and Fire Department complex (like Winter Harbor). Required matching dollars for the proposal were from the assessed value of the land at the existing Fire House and the assessed value of a piece of land between the Rec Center and the Hastings site which was donated to the Town by the Rec Center. Grant awards will be announced in the Fall.

Agenda Item 2: Picnic Tables and Benches

A. Keith Hamel is willing to build picnic table at a reduced price for the Town. The tables would be all wood and handicapped accessible.

B. Tables needed:

Flanders Pond 1, Boat ramp 1,
Gordon’s Wharf 1, Sumner Park 3-4, Skate Park 2-3

Benches Needed:

Sumner Park 2-3, Town landing 1

Action: Gary Edwards will get an additional quote on metal tables and benches. Bud Means will check on cost and type of wood for tables made by Keith Hamel.

Agenda Item 3: Announcement in Sullivan Town Crier

Lynn Dunbar would like info from committees for the Town newsletter. Due April 20

Action: Don Snokes will write an article listing all the parks and recreation assets. Residents will be invited to use the parks. He will also mention a use survey to be sent in the future, possibly as part of the Age Friendly Sullivan survey. In the article Don will also mention the opportunity to donate and plant a tree at the Skate Park. A memory/honor sign will be installed soon. People’s names can be added.

Agenda Item 4: Sullivan Dazes

The committee had a discussion about whether or not to have a fund raising activity near the Skate Park. Ideas included selling crab meat sandwiches, skate board competition with a prize, other ideas are welcomed.

Action: Kristal will check with the Fire Dept.

Agenda Item 5: Maintenance person – job description – what we need

The committee reiterated the need for the Town to have a full-time maintenance position responsibilities to include but not limited to: mowing, cleaning/maintaining buildings, oversight of contracted work, trash. The position would report to the Town Manager.

Miscellaneous Item:

The committee discussed developing a Carry In – Carry Out policy for the Town parks. People are used to this kind of policy, it would help reduce costs and work, and help to keep the properties looking beautiful. Perhaps we could have signs posted once we install the picnic table and benches. As we submit articles in the Town Crier we can explain the policy to residents.

Meeting adjourned 7:30.