

Town of Sullivan – Parks and Recreation Committee meeting – May 4, 2023

Attendance: Kristal Bubar Chair, Don Snokes Co-chair, Bud Means Town Selectperson, Misty Gleason, Bonnie Sparks, Barbara Shanahan (Representing the Schoodic National Scenic Byway committee)

Notes of the April 6 meeting were accepted.

Item 1: Sumner Park

A. Barbara Shanahan updated the committee regarding a Schoodic National Scenic Byway grant proposal for a Sullivan Bike Byway Hub at the Sorrento/Sullivan Recreation Center beside or in front of the Play/Skate Park. The grant proposal for \$75,000 includes a Sheltered Bike Station, water station, bike racks, battery charging station, interpretive signage. If funded the grant would be disbursed in late 2024.

B. The committee discussed the value of leveraging the efforts of the Byway Committee, the Sorrento-Sullivan Rec. Center Committee and the Town Parks and Rec. committee as we move forward to make improvements to these properties, i.e. outdoor electrical access at the Recreation Center, improvements to Sumner Park.

Action: Barbara Shanahan will set-up a meeting with Larry Johannesman from the MDOT to discuss the grant proposal and Sumner Park connecting paths and water issues.

C. The committee voted to approve the purchase of the following equipment for Summer 2023:

Galvanized Picnic Benches \$399: Sumner Park – 2 Play/Skate Park – 2

Galvanized Benches \$360: Sumner Park – 2 Play/Skate Park - 1

Action: Bud will let Gary Edward know what to order.

D. Some discussion of identifying an alternate Sullivan representative to the Hancock County Planning Commission. The committee suggested some names.

Action: Bud and Gary will make follow-up contacts.

E. Don Snokes did a site visit to Sumner Park. He suggested the electrical issue at the Gazebo is not a power issue as much as it is a need for additional circuits located at/in the Gazebo. While at the Park he also noted that the Gazebo is in poor condition. The floorboards are rotted and the weathervane has fallen/blown off. Discussion: while looking to make improvements to the park this might also be the time to replace the Gazebo.

Action: Bud will talk with Kit Rivers at Sumner Learning Campus to see if this might be an appropriate project for the woodshop program.

Item 2: Budget

A. Bud said a maintenance position is in the budget recommended by the Budget Committee to the Select people. The amount is approximately \$40,000/fulltime position and the funds would be pooled from existing reserve lines. Bud is supportive of the recommendation.

Item 3: Long Cove property

A. Frenchman's Bay Conservancy purchased some Long Cove shore property. In cooperation with Maine Coast Heritage Trust and the Schoodic Byway Committee they will make improvements to the land and demolish the two buildings on the site. They intend to donate the property, for the purpose of public use, to the Town of Sullivan. The donation needs to be accepted by the Town and will appear on the town warrant for approval.

Action: Barbara Shanahan will notify if the grant for demolition is approved.

Item 4: Sullivan Daze

A. First Saturday of August. Parks and Rec will sell crab and lobster rolls and water at the Play/Skate Park.

Action: Bud and Kristal will begin to contact potential donors for crab and lobster meat. All committee members should be making contacts for other donations: rolls, water, napkins, roll holders

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm