

July 6, 2023 Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting minutes

Attending: Don Snoke Co:Chair, Bud Means, Conrad Ober, Velma Thomas, Keith Hamel, Misty Gleason, Bonnie Sparks

Absent: Kristal Bubar, Gary Edwards

Agenda Item I: Minutes

The minutes to the June 1, 2023 meeting were approved as emailed.

Agenda Item II: Record keeping processes.

It was agreed that meeting minutes would be distributed via email within a week of regular committee meetings. The minutes will be approved via email within 2 or 3 days of distribution and posted to the Town website soon after approval. In this way the community can be informed in a more timely manner.

It was agreed that an agenda should be posted to the Town website and on the town Facebook page preferably a week in advance of regular meetings but no later than the preceding Monday.

Agenda Item II: Committee Membership

Bud Means indicated that committee membership is approved and voted on by the Select Board. Given that this is a new committee membership, focus, and attendance has fluctuated during the last year. A recommendation was made to include a high school student on the committee in the future. After discussion the committee agreed we would like to take a month or two to recruit some additional members and make a nomination recommendation to the Select Board formalizing the membership. PLEASE CONSIDER WHO IN THE COMMUNITY MIGHT BE WILLING AND ABLE TO SERVE AND SUPPORT THE ACTIVITIES OF THIS COMMITTEE. BRING NAMES TO OUR NEXT MEETING.

Agenda Item III: Report - picnic tables and benches

The Select Board accepted Keith Hamel's bid. Keith reported that the tables will be ready for Sullivan Daze. Bud Mearns will be responsible for getting the stain.

Agenda Item IV: Culvert and Electrical work at Sumner Park

Clearing of the culverts around Sumner Park will be done at the same time as road ditching is being done.

The electrical work as outlined in the June 1 meeting minutes has not moved forward. Given, the scope of work is minimum and the expense not large, Selectman Means asked that Don Snoke contact an electrician, get a quote and he will approve the work in order for it to be done in time for Sullivan Daze.

Agenda Item V: Sullivan Daze 2023-24

Bud Means said the Fire Department could use help and willing volunteers with this year's event: still lots to do.

It appears very likely that the Parks and Rec Committee will become responsible for the future of Sullivan Daze. It was suggested that we begin the planning process in September by forming a Sullivan Daze sub-committee with multi-organizational representation (ie., Historical Society, Library, Fire Dept., Sullivan-Sorrecto Rec. Center and others). Other ideas for 2024 included events up and down Rt. One, a breakfast, 5K run, more business representation in activities.

Agenda Item VI: review of other Town assets

Flander's Pond: Bud/Town is working on a grant from the State of Maine to improve the boat ramp and public beach area. The grant requires that a survey of the property be completed. It is likely that parking will be reviewed as a result of the grant process.

Flander's Bay boat ramp: Bud indicated the Town needs to revisit the condition of the ramp. Also we need to verify whether or not there is a bench in this location.

Gordon's Wharf: the ramp still has not been installed. Bud assures us that it will be done.

Open discussion: Ideas for increasing activity at Town parks: ice skating rink, tennis lessons, geocaching sponsored on the Town website. Bud indicated that Little League has been given the approval to use the baseball field at Mountainview. It will no longer be used by the schools, thus there is no need to build a field behind the Town office.

Next meeting will be August 3. Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm