

Parks and Recreation Committee
Center on the Common
January 20th, 2015

Attendance: Wyona Lynch-McWhite, Steve Gordon, Steve Victorson, Doug Thornton

Call to order 7:32

Elizabeth not here, will push approval of minutes to next week.

Event updates to the Calendar

Fishing Tournaments - May 16th (6 boats) and September 19th (10 boats)

Bob O'Shea - reminded us that all boats need to be hosed off.

1. Lion's Bare Hill Triathlon - Sunday June 28th. The trail was described. Should be finished by 1030 AM. Beach needs to be closed for the morning. Remove ropes and platforms. Need lifeguards and fireboat. Will have a recap at the beginning of June. Total number of participants in the mid-300's.

Steve G motioned to approve. Doug Thornton seconded approval of morning beach closure.
Approved 4-0

2. Representatives from Bare Hill Rowing to discuss Harvard Henley.
 1. Visiting trailers need to be brought in the day before, starting at 1PM Saturday.
 2. Will keep spots open for island residents.
 3. Do they need the fire boat? 5 launches in the water, including the starters boat which follows the two racers. Launches will have trained individuals and life jackets and EMT's will also be on site. Bob said okay, but participants need to sign a waiver to this effect to protect the town. Steve Gordon asked if the rowing association's insurance has a rider to protect the town. Will stay in touch with Bob regarding necessary safety requirements.
3. Does this event require BOS approval. Wyona will double check.
4. Is a permit required to have gate fees to cover additional costs, such as porta-potties? No
5. Blocking off pond road and necessary signage - Barriers are available. Electronic sign. Contact Rich Nota. How to get word out to the fisherman was discussed?
6. Can the course be set up on Saturday? Yes
7. What happens if a power boat goes on to the pond? Take a video. It is against state law for a power boat to cross a race course or to come with 150' of a boat.
8. EMT coverage - Cindy Glade
9. Will contact pond committee and residents.
10. Parks and Rec will put dates on the website.

Tents will be set up on the beach for each team.

There will be a police officer on site.

Wyona - Once all is confirmed, please give a flyer and blurb for website.
Steve G. asked if plumbing was on last year? Not sure, but will check with plumber.
Can the common be used for the ERGathon on Saturday May 30th?

Steve G made the motion. Doug seconded. Approved 4-0.

Wyona will add rowing events to the website.

Holly requested a meeting to discuss the new rowing contract.

3. Beach Operations - What are opening dates?

Steve G. Stickers, no cash at the beach. Checks only. Town hall willing to sell stickers. Come up with a memo of understanding. Town Hall would rather no cash at the beach. Sell a punch card at the beach?

Let's prioritize Alli's list, find the costs and make the purchases.

Come up for a boat lottery date.

Steve G. suggests at the end of March for the lottery.

Wyona suggested that Allie come to the Feb 2nd meeting or the second Feb. meeting.

4. Field updates - Any Saturday in May okay for the lacross events. Doug will confirm the date of this event with Dave Planchett and the soccer group. Doug was questioned about the tire tracks in one of the fields. Wyona suggested to bring in Rich Nota for the first March meeting to discuss field issues.

5. Discussed ski club payments, registration and ski club.

Wyona - Discussed town tree. Box on the common will be done this Spring. Needs to speak with the Women's Club.

New Business - Ultimate Frisbee League Don Phillips, Karen VanCleaf. Discussed league and practices. Want Monday - Friday practice fields. Home games at the track when the track team is away. Want Charlie Wait for practice field, did use Depot last year. Will start week of March 30th or April 6th, whenever the fields are okay. Discussed field quality and how to improve fields. Would like a contact tab on the website.

Will be on the agenda for next meeting. Send in the request. Doug will find a solution for the next meeting.

Steve G. is it possible for the town to plow the pond parking lot.

Steve G. does any one club organization have priority over the other for field use?

Perhaps, let's start with the school schedule first and confirm the school teams, then will have the clubs present their schedule requests.

There is a need to have all club schedules in one place and known so that all clubs have equal access to the fields. We need to understand the process to make it better to make it fair for everyone.

How do we enforce rules for boats that do not have stickers?

How do we prevent multiple family members from applying for multiple registrations?

We discussed parking and permits with the harbor master

adjourned at 943PM.