

Parks and Recreation
Meeting Minutes
February 1st, 2021

Call to order 7:33 PM

Members Present: Mark Morin, Keith Bilafer, Bob O'Shea, Michelle Lauria, Doug Thornton

Audience: Dan Daly, HYBSA (Larry Feinberg, Dan Petrossi), Abby Besse, Kara Minar (very briefly), Jennifer Finch, Harvard Press

Minutes Approval – 1/4/21- Keith motioned, Michelle seconded, vote **5-0**

Budget & Town Report Status

Bob reports that regarding the budget, the lengthily response to first round of questions paid off and that there were no further questions in second round

Draft articles were sent out to commissioners today

FY22 material and services article for Commons and Schools expense budget

As part of the budget discussion Bob summarized Prevailing wages law

Doug motioned to “approve the financial warrant for the Commons budget to the sum of \$22,427 as written”, Mark seconded, vote **5-0**

Bob reviewed town report submission

Program Updates

Fields (24:00)

o Generic Ball Field NOI Status

Memorandum of understanding approved, attached NOI under negotiation

o HAA Discussion

Keith – HYBSA came to talk about bill for field usage

Larry led a broader discussion about HYBSA

1) Scheduling – they keep their own schedule

2) COVID – nothing worked, baseball fields have never looked so bad in past 7 years

Keith added comments including closure policy, scheduling notification

Larry mentioned DPW not having necessary equipment

“Don’t charge us a rental fee if we are the ones doing the work”

Dan explained CPC requests

Bob gave update on negative feedback from ConCom and Bare Hill Pond Watershed Mgmt

Dan mentioned Thursday’s ConCom meeting

o Infield Plan / Status

Keith – working on an RFQ; working with HAA on contract ownership

Beach Operations (1:09:20)

- Laser Pico Status

3 boats ordered

- Warrant

Review article to increase cap for beach revolving to \$80,000

Michelle discussed programs likely to be offered this summer given COVID

Track and Commons (1:21:25)

- Snowshoe program status

Bob reports that his tent did not survive the first rainstorm

Rental is open and now there is snow

Bob marked a trail up the hill across on the roadbed and back down the sidewalk

Bob mentioned a call he got from an out-of-town scouts group

Public Communications

- Dan gave update on Open Space Committee – map for recreation spaces is coming
- Dan gave update on CPC request
- Bob asked Jennifer about next steps in budget process – answer is that next move is to go through each of the budgets, waiting information from state and from benefits

Event Requests and New Business

- No events

Adjourn 9:11 – Keith motioned / Marked seconded vote **5-0**

Next Meeting: TDB