

May 16, 2011

Paul Griffin, Tobj Gozdeck, Bobby Beagan, Dick Williamson

Guest, Georgette Heerwagen

Minutes from last meeting approved.

Nancy explained how the Field Enterprise Fund operated to the Commissioners. She stated that if there was money left at the end of the year. It may be used for paving of the expanded parking lot at Haskell. The DPW is working on the parking lot, but is currently waiting on NSTAR to complete some work before they can move forward.

Haskell Playground - Nancy alerted the Commissioners that the fence around the playground had been enhanced to create a more defined opening. A gate was not put in, but now the opening is smaller to allow participants in wheelchairs the ability to enter without the worry of opening a gate.

Park and Recreation New Chairman

The Commissioners discussed the options of electing a new Chairman to replace Paul Griffin. The discussion included the possibility of having a co-chair. It was decided to hold off on any vote to see if Jim Marrotta was interested in the opportunity.

Park and Recreation representative to the CPC

Georgette Heerwagen was invited to the meeting to discuss the requirements of the position. Georgette stated that the ability to attend meetings was very important. The Commission could meet up to 2 times per month during the busy time when the town prepares for articles that will be placed in the town warrant and voted on at the town meeting. John Drobinski is the selectmen's rep to the Commission. She also stated that it is important to remember that the Park and Rec representative is there to represent the Park and Recreation Commission's opinion. Georgette expressed the importance for the representative to communicate back to the Park and Recreation Commission and to get a feel for how the CPC operates. Georgette stated the rep will get a good understanding of how the CPC money is spent and what types of projects the money collected can be used on in the town.

Dick Williamson expressed interest in being considered as the Park and Recreation rep to the CPC. It was decided to wait until the next meeting to take a vote.

The status of the Melone property was discussed and the Commissioners felt it was very important to get the development of the Melone property on the FY12 goals of the Selectmen.

The Commissioners discussed how to get the Melone Property on the Selectmen's goals. It was decided that Paul would get on the Selectmen's agenda and discuss the plans for the Melone property and Park and Recreation's interest in developing it for recreational use.

Paul Griffin stated he would call Mary McCormick with a request to be added to the Selectmen's agenda in the near future.

Misc - The Commissioners welcomed Tobj Gozdeck to the Park and Recreation Commission.

A concern was expressed that the netting at Featherland was ripped so softballs were ending up in the little league fields, which is a safety concern. Nancy stated she would check with Park and Grounds to determine the issue.

Bobby Beagan asked about the safety of the artificial turf at Cutting field. Nancy said that Cutting was very safe and the field had been tested in the past. The concern is that the field gets very hot in the summer months.

The next meeting was scheduled for June 20th at 6:30pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm