



Town of Weare Parks and Recreation

Meeting Minutes *July 11, 2017*

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:00 PM

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Randy Magoon – Chair (late); Melissa Drury – Vice Chair,
Karyn Stogner – Coordinator; John Osborne – Ex-Officio; Tara Mann

Pledge of Allegiance

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Three attendees for public comment regarding status of Chase Park – Lisa Purington-Grolljahn; Nicole Brunini; and another whose name is unknown. Started FaceBook Group “Let’s Make Chase Park Family Friendly Again.” Lisa voiced concerns about changes she has noticed over the past few years at Chase Park and specifically since the beginning of the season: difference in how beach is taken care of – a lot of trash, not raked; staff at the park gatehouse sitting, using phones; lack of adult presence; there was a dog on the premises at one point; lifeguards “disappearing”; fishing in the buoyed area on the unguarded side; pot smoking; open drinking; full of out-of-towners; dog on the premises; smoking at the park. It was noted that there was an instance where three men walked into the park from the wooded area, they had been swimming in their clothes and acting strangely. Recently there were people openly drinking a box of wine at one of the tables, it was reported to staff, but nothing was done. On July 4th the staff was unable to keep up with the trash. Is it possible to raise the fees, make the parking area resident-only parking?

Karyn questioned why this is the first time hearing of their concerns and only initially by and through a Facebook posting. Telephone contact information is consistently provided by the town and available on the town’s website and Chase Park answering service. Lisa indicated that she had been busy and unable to attend previous meetings. Karyn confirmed that lifeguards are permitted 45 minutes on the chair with 15 minute breaks in between as recommended by the American Lifeguard Association. As to other items of concern, Karyn also confirmed that there is a posted daily/hourly list of items to be performed for park maintenance and will clarify as to whether these items are being addressed daily/hourly. Staff sitting around and phone time will be addressed with the park supervisor and assistant supervisors as well as all staff. Regarding the pot smoking and/or open drinking, staff will be advised, for their safety, not to approach the particular individual, but instead contact Weare dispatch to have an officer appear to remove the individual.

Attendees inquired as to whether the park could be a “town only” beach. Randy indicated that the deed would need to be reviewed to determine if there are any restrictions listed. In addition, that would be a questions and decision for the Board of Selectmen where PARC is unable to make such changes. It is an item that may need to be voted on by the town. Invited attendees, if available, to report back to PARC at the August meeting with any further comments or concerns.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT/PARK UPDATES

1. Field Usage:

Weare Historical Society requested use of Gazebo area for Old Home Day. PARC approved the \$500 expenditure for the Gerry Grimo band again this season. Karyn will obtain check from Beth Rouse to provide to the band on the day of. PARC to possibly participate in the event again this year. To be discussed further at next meeting.

2. CIP 2017

Will be coming up soon. Will need to decide if we want to submit a project. John Osborne suggested keeping at the boat launch request. To be further discussed at next meeting. Karyn may have received deadline information at that time.

3. Skate Park:

- One of the signs is in the maintenance office at WMS. Karyn waiting on language for updated signage.
- Karyn to contact Dennis at Blue Ribbon fencing again for quote on repair of fencing at the skate park.

4. Bolton Playground

- Karyn asked Pete Stockhaus to weed whack the playground area and bill PARC.

Randy Magoon motion to spend up to \$150.00 for the weed whacking. Tara Mann 2nd the motion. All in favor.

- Karyn sprayed tick spray along the perimeter of the playground area as people had complained of numerous ticks.

5. Community Service Opportunities:

NFI

6. Community Events:

- **Archery** – Karyn has two registrations. Not sure whether the classes will move forward.
- Chase Park Grand Opening event hampered by dismal weather. A few guests attended. Accoustic band was good, would like to see them back.

7. Chase Park:

- See Public Comment
- Swim lessons under way.

8. Seniors:

Had their garden party w/lunch from Dimitri's.

9. Miscellaneous:

- Concession stand door at Ineson needs repair. New door 2x6 construction – approximately \$240 w/out lock set.
- Gate at football field at Bolton will need repair/replacing. Karyn to contact Dennis at Blue Ribbon fencing again for a quote on repair of the Bolton gate and repair of the skate park fencing prior to school going back in session.
- Would like to consider converting existing snack shack at Ineson into PARC storage. Door on snack shack will need to be replaced.
- **Consider fencing or some other sort of barrier around Ineson field.**

Tennis Court

1. Karyn to contact Lineberry Tennis to get quote for crack repair.

Senior Citizen Initiatives

1. ****See #8 in Coordinator Report****

Recreational Activities/ Community Events

1. ****See #6 in Coordinator Report****
2. Possible Old Home Day participation to be further discussed. \$500 approved for band at event.

Bolton Playground

1. ****See #4 in Coordinator Report****

Facility use forms

1. Weare Historical Society request to use Gazebo field for Old Home Day. – Approved

CIP/Budget

1. ****See #2 in Coordinator's Report****
2. Expenditure from Supply Line for \$195.00 for bill from Brown Graphix was miscategorized. Will be in touch with Finance Administrator to correct the expenditure to Chase Park Supplies.

Chase Park

1. ****See #2 & #7 in Coordinator's Report****

Volunteers

1. NFI

Miscellaneous

1. ****See #9 in Coordinator's report****

Meeting moved to tennis court at 7:57.

Looks like cracks could be repaired. Karyn to contact Lineberry Tennis for quote on crack repair.

Randy Magoon Motion to go into non-public session
Melissa 2nd Motion

Non-Public Session: 8:37 PM

Return to Public Session: 8:55 PM

Next Meeting: 8/8/17 at 7:00 PM

MEETING ADJOURNED @ 9:00 PM *-Minutes Recorded by Karyn Stogner*

Pending Action Items for future meetings: