



Town of Weare Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes November 14, 2023

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:05 pm

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Chair, Pam Moul; Vice Chair, David Lundeen; Denise Purington; Director, Lisa Grolljahn, Salim Blume Ex-Officio.

EXCUSED: N/A

NOT PRESENT: N/A

Pledge of Allegiance

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes for October meetings will be approved at the December meeting. All draft minutes have been posted.

Agenda Topics

Topic: Election of new officers

With Ms. Lentsch stepping down the Commission needs to appoint a new chair. Ms. Purington made a motion to elect Ms. Moul as chair. Ms. Grolljahn seconded it. All were in favor

Action Items: None

Topic: Tennis Courts

The tennis nets have come down for the season and the courts will be closed for the winter at the end of the week and change message. DPW will be picking up brush that was cleared from the fence.

Action Items: Ms. Purington to change the code on gate lock and lock the courts for the season by weeks end and change message on voice mail system. Ms. Grolljahn will put steel wool in holes of chest to keep mice from eating nets.

Topic: Bolton Field

At the last meeting we agreed to close gates from December 1, 2023 until April 30, 2023. We will revisit opening in the spring based on weather and snow on the ground. The Cub Scouts troop 24 did a clean up and did a great job. We appreciate all they did to help clean up the weeds and raking. Big thanks.

Action Items: Ms. Grolljahn to purchase lock and lock gains effective December 1st.

Topic: Chase Park

Life Guard reimbursement was paid.

Action Items: Ms. Purington will speak with DPW regarding the trees being cut.

Topic: Budget

Increase in phone charges. Ms. Purington reported that the charges are a combination of the voice mail used for tennis courts at \$16.00 monthly, Chase Park phone \$49 monthly and internet at Chase Park 81.63 monthly. Ms. Moul suggested canceling internet at the lake and look at other options. Ms. Purington reported that staff in the Town Office has the authority speak with Granite State Telephone.

Action Items: Ms. Moul will request that we receive this monthly via email. Ms. Purington will contact Ms. Rouse about suspending internet at Chase Park.

Topic: John Stark Senior Project

Sophia Lundeen student at John Stark High School presented a proposed Senior Project for Chase Park. She is proposing to build a lost and found stand at the park to meet a current need related to storing and displaying lost and found items. She will fund raise and build and put it in place.

Action Items: Ms. Lundeen to come to the December meeting to present three designs.

Topic: Senior Holiday Meal

Ms. Purington provided an update. We need to finalize the menu and plans. Ms. Purington presented the estimated cost of food and items needed to provide meal at \$650. Date is December 6th from 4-5:30pm. This event will be published as first come first serve. Tickets will be created and distributed from the library. Ms. Purington will reach out to Weare-ites and Hands and Hand Senior Center to advertise the event. Ms. Purington will create a flyer and will publish an article in the Weare newsletter. Weare Middle School FACTS program will prepare the food. Leftover will either remain at the school or be donated to Hands and Hands Senior Center.

Action Items: Limit to 45 senior age 65 and older. Tickets will be left at the library.

Topic: Ineson

Will be locked for the season

Action Items: Ms. Grolljahn will lock it on December 1, 2023

Topic: Gazebo

Benches still need repair. Eagle Scout will be making 18 total benches to be donated to the Parks and Recreation and we can determine where to disperse them. Decorating the gazebo for Christmas will be done November 25th.

Action Items: Will be addressed in the spring. Ms. Grolljahn will inquire about getting the donated tree.

Topic: East Road Update

Ms. Purington gave an update of the Board of Selectman meeting. Many members of the community were there to voice their support. Ms. Purington will be attending another meeting on November 27th. Ms. Purington has prepared a summary of minutes to review with the Select Board. Ms. Purington reported that she has not been able to find Purchase and Sales Agreement. Ms. Purington reported that we have received one proposal from an engineering firm. Ms. Purington also asked about creating a warrant article to fund this if project is to move forward. Mr. Blume suggested presenting an overview of current field acreage to Board of Selectmen at the November session. Weare Athletic Club has collected 415 signatures in support of the Board of Selectmen allowing use of this property and/or go to public vote.

Action Items: Will attend the November 27th meeting.

Topic: Skate Park

The town Insurance company inspected the structure and three recommendations were made. They were push cement blocks back to prevent tripping hazard, fix one raw edge and sealcoat the structure. Ms. Moul made a motion to accept Mr. Lanier's Eagle Scout project of the skate ramp provide he addresses the three issues raised by Primex. All were in favor, motion passed.

Action Items: Ms. Moul will notify Mr. Lanier

Next Meeting: December 12, 2023 at 7:00 PM

MEETING ADJOURNED: A motion was made by Ms. Moul to adjourn the meeting, it was seconded by Ms. Grolljahn, all were in favor. Motion passed and meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.

Minutes Recorded by Denise Purington