

WEARE BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES May 23, 2022

PRESENT: FREDERICK W. HIPPLER, CHAIRMAN; JONATHAN H. OSBORNE, VICE CHAIRMAN; SHERRY M. BURDICK, SELECTMAN; JOHN VAN LOENDERSLOOT, SELECTMAN; KEVIN J. CAHILL, SELECTMAN.

ABSENT: None

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR: Naomi L. Bolton

GUESTS: JaNeen Lentsch, Parks & Recreation Commission Chairman

NONPUBLIC SESSION:

Chairman Hippler moved; Selectman Van seconded to enter into nonpublic session @ 6:45 p.m. pursuant to the authority granted in RSA 91-A: 3II (b). A roll call vote was taken, Selectman Cahill – yes; Vice Chairman Osborne – yes; Chairman Hippler – yes; Selectman Burdick – yes; Selectman Van – yes. Passed 5-0-0

Chairman Hippler moved; Selectman Van seconded to exit this nonpublic session @ 7:08 p.m. A roll call vote was taken, Selectman Cahill – yes; Vice Chairman Osborne – yes; Chairman Hippler – yes; Selectman Burdick – yes; Selectman Van – yes. Passed 5-0-0

The board met with Chairman of Parks & Recreation to review a list potential employees for the Chase Park.

Chairman Hippler called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

PARK & REC – HIRING STAFF FOR CHASE PARK:

The Board discussed the rates of pay for the 2022 season. Rates for 1st year employees will be \$9.00/hour; second year will be \$10.25/hour; third year \$10.50-\$11.25 (depending on the job being performed); life guard will be \$13.25; and supervisors range from \$14.50-\$18.00. There was a relief supervisor provided on the list and the Board stated that they will not be hiring the relief supervisor as listed.

Selectman Van moved, Selectman Cahill seconded to exempt PARC/Chase Park from IV(C) section of the personnel policy for a period of one year with the Board of Selectmen discretion. Passed 4-0-1 (Osborne)

Chairman Hippler moved, Selectman Burdick seconded to hire the staff listing provided to the Board with the exception of the one relief supervisor. Passed 4-0-1 (Osborne).

<u>Chase Park Schedule</u>: The Park traditionally opens Memorial Day weekend and closes Columbus Day weekend. Chairman JaNeen Lentsch informed the Board that the hours have a slight change. The proposed hours have been reduced by one hour on each side of the day. This minor change would provide the commission with funds for porta-pottys, playground equipment, etc. The proposed schedule for 2022 is as follows:

Opening Day – Saturday, May 28, 2022

| | Beach Hours | Boat Ramp Hours |
|------------|--------------|--|
| | 9 AM – 8 PM | 9 AM – 7:30 PM |
| | 10 AM – 7PM | 10 AM - 6:30 PM |
| | 9 AM – 8 PM | 9 AM – 7:30 PM |
| | 9 AM – 8 PM | 9 AM – 7:30 PM |
| Mon-Thurs | 10 AM – 7 PM | 10 AM - 6:30 PM |
| Fri-Sunday | 9 AM – 8 PM | 9 AM – 7:30 PM |
| | | 9 AM - 8 PM 10 AM - 7PM 9 AM - 8 PM 9 AM - 8 PM Mon-Thurs 10 AM - 7 PM |

Fall hours will be posted in August

Chairman Hippler moved, Vice Chairman Osborne seconded the motion to approve the 2022 Chase Park Schedule as resented. Passed 5-0-0

<u>Parks & Recreation Update:</u> Chairman Lentsch provided the Board on an update of some of the happenings going on with Parks.

- The clear plastic windows at Bolton Playground they got 4 of them and they are scheduled to be installed this week
- The sunshades are up
- They are on track for the Skate Board Park equipment vendor has the equipment and will be coming out tomorrow.
- The access to Bolton Memorial Park is need of being graded.
- The tennis court resurfacing is still on schedule as we know (no news is good news).
- WAC (Weare Athletic Club) donating buildings the buildings need to be inspected and a public hearing needs to be done prior to acceptance.
- The concession building at Purington Field is not being used for concessions, maybe equipment only.
- The lake is all set for opening on Saturday.
- The trees that were planted at Bolton Field and Chase Park for Arbor Day are doing well.

The Board reminded Chairman Lentsch that the minutes need to be updated as soon as possible.

OTHER:

Town Administrator Bolton reported that as of tonight we have four burials scheduled. The dates are June 18th, June 25th, July 9th and July 30th. The Board agreed to meet on June 14, 2022 at the Pine Grove Cemetery to probe and determine the location of the burial sites. The locations will be flagged with a white flag and the lawn maintenance contractor will be notified to leave the white flags.

Selectman Cahill reported that Chris Bolton, owner of Mt. William, Inc. would like to discuss with the Board an update on the River Road Bridge that has had the weight limit reduced. He will be informed that the Board meets on June 6^{th} or June 20^{th} for that discussion.

Selectman Cahill brought up the Old Francestown Road email and the claim of disturbing the stone wall. The Board suggested reaching out to Randy Dearborn or Director Knapp for their recollection of when the road was resurfaced. One Board member thought reaching out to former DPW Director Tim Redmond may be necessary as well. The Board set mid-June as a deadline to reply to the Garnett's.

JaNeen Lentsch, Chairman of Parks and Recreation had two more items/questions. First was when will the on-boarding packets for the new hires (just hired) be ready. Town Administrator Bolton replied that they can be picked up tomorrow after 7 AM. Second, the boat ramp didn't get done before the water came back in. The plan would be to do the work once the water gets let out in the fall.

NONPUBLIC SESSION:

Chairman Hippler moved; Selectman Van seconded to enter into nonpublic session @ 7:49 p.m. pursuant to the authority granted in RSA 91-A: 3II (c). A roll call vote was taken, Selectman Cahill – yes; Vice Chairman Osborne – yes; Chairman Hippler – yes; Selectman Burdick – yes; Selectman Van – yes. Passed 5-0-0

Selectman Van moved; Chairman Hippler seconded to exit this nonpublic session @ 8:15 p.m. A roll call vote was taken, Selectman Cahill – yes; Vice Chairman Osborne – yes; Chairman Hippler – yes; Selectman Burdick – yes; Selectman Van – yes. Passed 5-0-0

The board met with Parks and Recreation Chairman and a supervisor met to discuss and review documented tracking of an employee's absences. Discussion continued about the inappropriateness of a resident and their actions at Chase Park. Resident will be reached out to privately.

Being there was no further business to come before the Board, Selectman Van made a motion, Chairman Hippler seconded to adjourn at 8:18 pm. Passed 5-0-0

ADJOURNMENT A True Record. Naomí L. Bolton, Town Administrator From notes and YouTube Video