



Town of Weare Parks and Recreation

Meeting Minutes
August 11, 2015

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:03PM

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Randy Magoon - Chair, Melissa Drury . Vice Chair, J'Amy Colburn, Karyn Stogner - Coordinator, Jeremy Erb, Jim Leary - BOS, Holly Marden

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mario Vanini - President Lake Horace Land Owners Association

Mr. Vanini shared that the Lake Horace Land Owners Association wants to make a \$1,000 donation to update and improve the boat ramp sign. He shared a preliminary version of the sign which would include boating rules, adding headway speed of 6MPH. It would be a combination of aluminum and foam with a vinyl cover. The Board agreed the sign would be helpful and gave feedback for improvements to the sign. **Jim to check with BOS to see if their approval/involvement needed.**

Mr. Vanini said his association consists of 330 members, with 75-90 who pay a \$20. annual donation. They test water at Lake Horace, and recent tests all had low ecoli levels. Randy suggested for future projects that the Chase Park boat ramp is in need of repair.

In addition to being President of the LHLOA Mr. Vanini lives next to Chase Park and wanted to share observations of behavior of some park goers. His home has been in the family since Horace Chase began the park. His two children work for PARC as Chase Park staff. As the park has become more popular some park goers are not following the rules/respecting the park and adjacent landowners. He observes that the staff and lifeguards deal well with difficult park goers. Some park goers congregate in the old boat landing that is not in direct view of the staff and has been blocked off. Some anchor/tie their boats there instead of at the boat ramp. His property is adjacent to this area, and some park goers use his raft. Recently a 14 foot fishing boat on a truck said they would not be loading their boat, then parked and loaded from this blocked off area. The opportunity to check for invasive weeds was lost, as was the boat fee. They sometimes smoke cigarettes and urinate in public. People park down the road and walk in to avoid paying. Vanloads of 10-12 people drive in and are only charged one small fee per vehicle. Mr. Vanini recommended reconsidering pricing to charge per person vs. per vehicle. He also recommended extending the chain link fence and adding signage regarding a curfew as well as "No anchoring or launching in this area".

Karyn shared that she received an email from a resident who suggested non-residents not be allowed to use Chase Park. Holly recommended "up to X people per vehicle".
Holly will research pricing of other parks/communities for comparison.

Jeremy will gain advice/expertise on how waterways are handled to minimize impact to adjacent landowners.

-Action Items in Blue Bold-

Melissa made a motion to approve June and July minutes. Randy second. All in favor. None opposed.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT/PARK UPDATES

- Chase Park staff beginning to leave for college.
- One of our Lifeguards saved a distressed swimmer. Paperwork was filed.
- Discussion regarding the gate being open or closed after the park is closed due to rain.
- Karyn purchased and posted the signs requested by the family on Quaker Street to better identify the entrance to Ineson Field. Board had previously approved up to \$500. and only cost \$120.
- Jim made a motion for up to \$380. to replace the Skate Park sign (most letters are missing). Jeremy second. All in favor. None opposed. **Karyn to call again regarding cost to repair outside fence up to \$500.** Jim shared that a resident reported the ramp is in unsafe condition. The Board discussed the age of the Skate Park, the lack of funds to upkeep, and the ongoing vandalism and reports of loud, inappropriate language and behavior of some park goers. Without funding and a stop to the vandalism, the Board is concerned for the safety and future of the park.

- Facility use forms

9/12 10AM-3PM the Police would like to use the Gazebo area for a Meet and Greet.

- **Karyn to get quotes from Granite Group for Chase bathrooms.**
- **Replace broken bubble for Bolton playground.**
- **Need new umbrella for lifeguard chair.**

- **Weare Community News**

- a. Karyn submitted Chase Park and Field Day for next article.

- **Senior Citizen Initiatives**

- a. 9/8 dinner at Dimitri's for Senior Citizens. Melissa made a motion for up to \$250. Holly second. All in favor. None opposed.

- **CIP/Budget**

- a. Received new CIP forms. Will get new quote with more detail from Eldon Townes for parking at Bolton Field. 8/26 there is a CIP meeting - need to learn if preliminary or actual presentation. Jim recommended expanding beyond Bolton Field to include other initiatives like Chase Park.
 - b. Have not yet received updated expenses to review.

- **Volunteer Efforts - THANK YOU!**

- a. Bolton field vegetation getting out of control. **Jim to contact Pete Stockhaus for quote. Randy highlighted the need to rely on volunteers.**
 - b. Waiting for school to start to ramp up volunteer effort. Working on Eagle Scout volunteers for new picnic tables, lifeguard chair - Noah Lanctot Eagle Scout project, other community service opportunities.
 - c. J'Amy asked **each Board member to work on recruiting one new Board member for the next meeting. Karyn to post in Community news.**

- **Activities**

- a. Karyn proposed **S'More's/Games Night** at Chase Park. Friday 9/11 7-8:30PM. **Holly to get supplies at Sam's Club. Jim has pallets for fire. Randy suggested everyone look for durable ladder ball and cornhole/bean bag games.**
 - b. **Jeremy suggested a 9 hole disc golf course for the town. He will get quotes.**
 - c. **Need to begin planning for Skate Rink.** Tarp so old/torn that Skate Rink could not be used last year. Should we get a new tarp or create a natural berm to hold the ice? **Jim to call Tim Redmond for ideas.**

MEETING ADJOURNED 9:30PM

-Minutes Recorded by JoAnn Colburn

Pending Action Items for future meetings:

- ☐ Shawn Oestreich asked the rules for signage at Bolton. Would like to have removable sponsor signs to raise money. Naomi said would go to General Fund.
- ☐ Look at donation of an old laptop to track Chase Park attendance.
- ☐ Karyn reported Keith Lacasse and Tom Downing will attend future meeting regarding plans to build a concession by Bolton playground.
- ☐ Kevin Bishop suggested when Bolton buildings are repainted to use school colors vs. green. Football offered labor to paint if another group will donate paint. Estimate of 15 gallons/\$225.
- ☐ LWCF (Land and Water Conservation Fund) application for funding for Tennis Court repairs.
 - d. We did not receive the grant.
 - e. Consider a different project for future, e.g. Chase Park.
- ☐ Researching the Mildred Hall Fund, the Town Forestry Fund and the Southern NH Planning/ trust fund as other potential sources for funding.
- ☐ Recruit new members from the high school to the Cable committee to update technology/approach.