



Town of Weare Parks and Recreation

Meeting Minutes December 13, 2016

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:00 PM

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Randy Magoon – Chair (late), Melissa Drury – Vice Chair,
Karyn Stogner – Coordinator; Tara Mann; Michael Guerrette

PUBLIC COMMENT:

N/A

-Action Items in Blue Bold-

Meeting Minutes

Michael Guerrette – Motion to approve November minutes.

Tara Mann – 2nd Motion.

All in favor. None opposed.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT/PARK UPDATES

1. Field Usage: NFI.

2. CIP 2016:

Renovation is under way. Question as to whether mirrors should be installed in each bathroom at \$200/each – voted no. Question as to whether motion lights on exterior should be replaced at \$175/each – decided PARC would purchase the lights to be installed.

CIP 2017:

PARC Revolving Fund is on the ballot – Article number unknown. Boat Ramp Repairs is on the ballot seeking \$36,500 but Article number not yet assigned. The town meeting will be held Saturday, February 4, 2017 beginning at 9:00 AM at WMS. The Town Voting day is Tuesday, March 14, 2017.

Karyn received an inquiry from John Lawton as to the status of the tennis court proposal. It was presented to the CIP committee but not recommended that it move forward. Mr. Lawton attended the Selectmen's meeting on 11/21/16 to inquire about the tennis courts and whether they would be put on the ballot for vote. Karyn was called in to meet with the selectmen on 11/28/16 to discuss same. Karyn rehashed the CIP proposal, the quote from VT tennis, and the response from the Mildred Hall Fund. Tom Clow indicated that the CIP process is the way for department heads to get an item on the ballot, but a citizen could petition (with the 25 signatures needed) to have the matter placed on the ballot. Keith Lacasse also indicated that there would be no problem with a town department helping a civilian putting such a proposal together. Tom Clow suggested coming back to CIP with more solid figures in 2017. Karyn indicated that she would be happy to move forward with either.

3. Skate Park –**Still waiting for donation of work on fence.**
4. Need to order signs for parks. **Trailblazing local signage company - Melissa to contact. No Further Information**
5. Community Service Opportunities: NFI.
6. Community Events:

Skate Night @ Ice Rink
1/27/2017 @ 6:30 – 8:00 PM (tentative)

7. Chase Park:

- NFI regarding new boat ramp sign from Lake Horace Assoc.
- Karyn received a call from someone inquiring as to whether the boat ramp would be open during the winter so ice fishers can get their bob houses out on the ice. Indicated I would bring the inquiry to the board for discussion.

Discussion: PARC does not maintain staff, nor have the funds to do so, or oversee the ramp outside of the summer beach hours. While many would be wary of the thickness of the ice and responsible for their possessions and, there is no way to police those that are not. We do not want to end up with vehicles at the bottom of the lake. While it would be easy enough to open the gate on a certain date for houses to go out and then open the gate on a certain date to have the houses removed, we cannot guarantee that all participants would actually adhere to the timeframes. We do not have the man power available to take requests to have the gate opened for removal nor to chase down those that have not complied with the removal date. We have not done this in the past and are not willing to take on the responsibility going forward. We understand that there are those who manage to get their houses out on the ice via the beach or red cross stairs. Unfortunately we are not willing to open the gate for such purpose. All opposed to opening the gate.

- A gentlemen went before the selectmen on 11/28 and proposed allowing residents to have unlimited access to the boat ramp wherein they would be provided with a code to open the gate to get their boats out on the lake during the off season and after hours. Felt the hours available for lake access were extremely limited during the months of operation. Recommended an annual fee be charged and a handout provided to users that would outline how to check boats for invasive vegetation. The selectmen were not keen on the idea as the public gate was off the road was closed to prevent invasive species from entering the lake.

Discussion: PARC is not open to allowing open access to the boat ramp and is in agreement with the selectmen. There is not enough self-policing. All opposed to allowing unlimited access to ramp.

8. Seniors: NFI.
9. Miscellaneous:

- Concession stand door at Ineson needs repair. New door 2x6 construction – approximately \$240 w/out lock set.

Consider fencing or some other sort of barrier around Ineson field.

Tennis Court

1. ****See #2 of Coordinator's Report****

Senior Citizen Initiatives

1. NFI

Recreational Activities/ Community Events

1. Skate Night – Ice Rink
Saturday, January 27th @ 6:30 – 8:00 PM

Bolton Playground

1. NFI

Facility use forms

1. NFI

CIP/Budget

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

Chase Park

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

Volunteers

1. NFI.

Miscellaneous

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

Next Meeting: 1/10/17 at 7:00 PM

MEETING ADJOURNED @ 8:20 PM

-Minutes Recorded by Karyn Stogner

Pending Action Items for future meetings: