

# Ashburnham Parks & Recreation

## Meeting Minutes

April 12, 2012

### **I. Call to order**

**Mike Salem** called to order the regular meeting of the **Parks & Recreation Committee** at **7:05pm** on **April 12<sup>th</sup> 2012** in Fire Department Conference room level 1.

### **II. Roll call**

Mike Salem, Rebecca Cinclair, Doug Carlman, Gail Dumont, Steve Gallant, Cheryl Goller, Tamara Walsh

In Attendance: Doug Briggs, Bill Johnson, Ed Vitone

### **III. Doug Briggs**

- a) Spoke about his reasons for closing Winchester Playground
- b) Informed us about the availability of the trust funds. Sweeney trust fund can be used fully but Winchester trust fund has to maintain a balance of \$5000.00. For this reason Doug has sent a request to Bill Johnson, Chairman of the Advisory Board, to transfer a sum of \$5000.00 from the reserve fund to the DWP account for the Parks and Recreation use.
- c) Discussed the Bresnahan Scouting Center and Whitney Pond that is there on the land and its possible use to make Ashburnham's own "Dunn Park".
- d) VMS building committee has been formed

### **IV. Bill Johnson**

- a) Acknowledged the reserve fund transfer request from Doug Briggs and that he has set up an emergency Advisory Board meeting on April 16<sup>th</sup> 2012 to put the transfer to vote. He did not foresee any problems and seemed optimistic that it would pass.
- b) Thanked the Parks and Recreation committee for all our hard work
- c) Shared his ideas and visions about the future of the VMS building. Suggested we look into state and federal funding that could possibly include new structures.

### **V. Ed Vitone**

- a) Commended the Parks and Recreation committee for our hard work and dedication. He gave a pep talk about not letting the negative people in town deter us from our goal.
- b) History of the Bresnahan Scouting Center and what the vision was after its completed.
- c) Discussed Whitney Pond and suggested we look into Federal grants to help fund the project.

### **VI. Review of Minutes**

Minutes from March 22<sup>nd</sup> 2012

Vote to approve minutes from March 22<sup>nd</sup> 2012 - unanimous

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### **VII. New Business & Updates**

- a) Mike welcomes the committee's newest member, Steve Gallant
- b) 40 yards of Playground mulch will be delivered to Sweeney Playground on 4/13/12
- c) There will be a crew spreading mulch at Sweeney on 4/13/12
- d) Playground mulch for Winchester will be delivered on 4/18/12
- e) DPW will move the mulch to inside the fence on Wed. April 18<sup>th</sup> 2012
- f) Cushing Academy will help spread the mulch at Winchester on Thursday April 19<sup>th</sup> 2012
- g) Cushing Academy will be at Sweeney on Thurs. April 19<sup>th</sup> 2012 to clean up & lawn care
- h) Orders for structures, sand are ready to be placed once we know the funding is available

### **VIII. Adjournment**

**Mike Salem** adjourned the meeting at **9:15pm.**

Minutes submitted by: Cheryl Goller

Minutes approved by: committee 5/3/12