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Ashburnham Parks and Recreation Committee **Meeting Minutes 09/05/13**

Member in Attendance: Doug Carlman, Tim Dumont, Steven Gallant, Cheryl Groller, Mike Salem

Meeting Called to Order: Motion made by Steven Gallant and Second by Tim Dumont. Mike called the meeting to order at 7:13pm

Meeting Minutes: Cheryl handed out Minutes to May minutes. Motion made to accept by Steven Gallant and second by Doug Carlman. The minutes were unanimously accepted.

Treasury Report: Cheryl handed out recent treasurers report. Committee reviewed and motion was to accept by Steven Gallant and Second by Doug Carlman, All agreed! Cheryl refunded money to people that were still owed form Winchester Party event.

Committee Positions:

Mike announced that there were two positions opened at this time: Vice Chair and Secretary. Rebecca Sinclair had stepped down as Vice Chair and Cheryl Groller had been doing both Treasure and Secretary and only wanted to hold one position ... Treasure. Steven Gallant made a motion to keep Cheryl Groller in the position as Treasure, Tim Dumont second that motion and ALL agreed.

Mike then opened the floor for any challenges to the job as Committee Chair. With no challenges Mike Salem will continue as Committee Chairman. Tim Dumont made a motion to make Steven Gallant Secretary, motion second by Mike Salem. All agreed and Steven accepted.

Steven made motion that Doug Carlman and Tim Dumont act as Co-Vice Chairs. Second by Cheryl Groller and ALL agreed. Both Doug and Tim accepted the positions.

Mike handed out new Town of Ashburnham Sexual Harassment Policy and Procedures. All filled out and completed and returned to Mike.

Park Rules:

Cheryl spoke on the fact that there are a few people in town that are making complaints about some of the actions and decisions made by this committee. Meeting minutes were requested by town hall and submitted by Cheryl Groller.

Summer Concert Series Update:

Concerts appear to be a success. We need to start in February in acquiring donations to hold concerts. Donations collected at concerts will go back into general fund.

Fall Festival

Idea which had been kicking around was to hold a Fall Festival instead of a Winter Fest due to impossibility in predicting winter snow or lack of. Mike suggests dropping the idea of a Fall Festival for this year due to time restraints, and putting our efforts into the Christmas tree lighting. Motion made by Cheryl Goller to cancel Fall Event, Doug Carlman seconds the proposal. All approved.

Park Bench

Mike states that a local family who has lost their son in an automobile would like to donate a bench to Winchester Park with a dedication ceremony. Voted unanimously to accept the gift and a Date and specifics will come at a later time.

Cameras

Mike announced that the Cameras will be installed in the next few days at Winchester Park. There was not enough money in the grant to include Sweeney Park. A line item is going to be on the Town Warrant to be voted on at Special town meeting. Slide and Bench have been damaged beyond repair and will have to be replaced. Steve made mention to the fact that the park is 15 years old and the play ground will soon need to be replaced. We will need to look at that in the next couple of years.

Speeding Traffic

Doug Carlman brought up the fact that since S. Main St. has been repaved it has become a speedway in front of Sweeney Park and feels that the gates on the street should be chained shut for safety to prevent a child from darting into the road and that people should then enter the gate in the parking lot. Both A motion was then made by Steve and second by Doug, to chain shut ALL gates on the road until further discussion. Cheryl is against this. Tim suggests only chaining the double gate. Mike agrees in chaining the double gate and suggests that we spend money on a self closing spring on the small gate. Motion made by Tim Dumont and second by Doug Carlman

Day of Caring

The United Way contacted Mike and informed him that they offer a program where they would send to us a group of volunteers, on a certain day, to help us with any project or work we need done. Issue is that someone or all of us would need to be there to direct the work and due to personal jobs decision was made decline at this time. Motion made by Cheryl and second by Doug. All in favor.

Tree Lighting

Mike will send an email to the Business Council, Police and Fire Associations, and Town Hall.

Motion Made to Close the meeting at 8:50pm by Steven Gallant, Second by Mike Salem.

Respectfully Submitted

Steven P. Gallant
Secretary