

North Yarmouth Parks & Recreation Committee

Minutes of Meeting –April 1, 2015, 7 PM

Members in attendance: Scott Kerr, Brian Sites, Rick Smart.

Others present: Alex Carr, Jim Faunce, Anne Lang, Eric Robinson

1. Call to order at 7:07.
2. Eric Robinson of the North Yarmouth Memorial Park Committee presented a summary of his committee's activities since their formation on October 25, 2014. We discussed ways the committees can work together going forward.
3. Heidi reported (via email) that the www.mainetrailfinder.com upload for Chandler Brook Park went very well. The trail map and information is now available on the site.
4. Reviewed minutes from March meeting. Minutes were approved as written (3-0).
5. Jim provided an update on the North Yarmouth Triathlon.
 - a. Informational blurb was sent out in the Cumberland Recreation Pamphlet
 - b. Jim created a Facebook page.
 - c. T-shirt supplier has been notified and is ready to get started once we give the word.
 - d. Need to determine exactly how many shirts we should order.
 - e. Discussed price of admission. Probably going with \$5 entry fee, first 50 get a free t-shirt.
 - f. Discussed participants - Jim expects about 40; the event could handle as many as 80 - but that will require more volunteers.
 - g. Discussed sponsorship (who, how much, etc.). Will try to contact North Yarmouth businesses to see if they would like to participate.
6. Brian presented a brief summary of our financial position, referring to the financial information summarized in the minutes of the town meeting of April 11. This led to a discussion on chip sealing our roadways. There was considerable interest among committee members in the chip sealing process.
7. Brian presented a few of the branding designs submitted by Cindy Guernsey. Nothing is finalized yet; Brian will continue to work with Cindy.
8. Alex will research Anne's question regarding wood harvesting: If a North Yarmouth resident is out clearing/cleaning trails, is it OK for them to harvest wood for firewood?
9. Discussed issues with dogs at Old Townhouse Park. There are concerns about the increased number of dogs in the park. This is partially due to commercial operations (at least one doggie day care) using the park to exercise dogs. Rules need to be created by our committee before anything can be enforced. Alex will create a rough draft of a dog policy - ideally this policy will pertain to all North Yarmouth Parks.
10. **Brian** will contact Peter Bingham to get our Facebook page and website included in the Cumberland Recreation Pamphlet.
11. Meeting adjourned at 7:45PM. Next meeting will be May 6, 2015.

Rick Smart
Secretary