

Living Well North Yarmouth Committee

2-18-21 Meeting Minutes

Attending Donna Palmer, Peg Leonard, Al Ahlers, Steve Palmer, Ann Dillon, Ginny Van Dyke, Peter Lindsay and Gay Peterson. Guest: Donna Thurston

Feb. 18 - Previous meeting's minutes:

Approved by Ginny Van Dyke. Seconded by Peter Lindsay.

No discussion on minutes from that meeting.

Baston Park Update

Al Ahlers talked about the application for beneficial use for dredged material which is in the works. First, need to post letter of intent to abutters and in Forecaster.

A second application is needed for natural resources protection act for permit to do channel dredging.

OLD BUSINESS

LWNY Recreation Survey

- 524 responses to the survey (final numbers)
- Peggy and Donna reported on the survey results and data.
- Committee members shared thoughts on the results: variety of ages, interests, many volunteered to help our town.
- Consensus that this is an opportunity to educate residents on our parks.

Lengthy discussion on volunteers who signed up via the survey:

- How to match them with opportunities.
- Types & variety of potential volunteer assignments.
- List management: Ann Dillon volunteered to manage the volunteer list
- Discussed content of a letter going to new volunteers
- Steve recognized Donna for her efforts in coordinating the survey, creating volunteer letter and volunteer database, among other things

Next steps:

- Peggy will redo the survey report. Others will categorize/tag the survey comments into themes.
- By Friday, Feb. 26 each committee member will:
 - Identify top 5 themes/categories
 - Provide most important points that they take away from this survey.
 - Prioritize easily implemented, low-cost options that could be presented to the select board

All recommendations will be summarized into one document for presentation to the select board.

OTHER BUSINESS

First Greeter Bag Report

- Bags will include Lisa Thompson's letter on the Community Center. Make edits as needed.
- June 1 to present 65 new greeter bags delivered

"Kite in Sight—Slow Down" Promotion

- Donna asked: Do we continue the program?
- Group discussed the purpose and need, given the town taking the lead on the initiative
- Initial LWNH program was successful in creative awareness in the town
- Kite in sight promotion will transition to utilize the Maine Bike Coalition's Slow ME Down campaign.
- LWNH will continue to assist with education on traffic calming.

Kite Festival

- Scheduled for October 2.
- Pan Fried Steel reserved the date.
- Next meeting's agenda – think about what needs to be done to make this event happen.

NEXT MEETING:

- Wednesday, March 17 at 7 pm via Zoom.
- Minutes taker is Peter Lindsay
- Future meetings may occur at the Community Center.

[Minutes submitted by Peg Leonard]