Parks & Recreation May 2nd

In attendence:
Ken Filliter
Scott
Kerr
Jim Faunce
Guests:
Alan Stearns
Donna Palmer
Ginny Van Dyke

7:00 PM. - minutes approved.

Donna & Ginny presented various ideas for a “celebration of the NY parks”.   These ideas included: possible rubber duckie race from 231 bridge to boat launch at Wescustago, scavenger hunt, model airplane, drone and car exhibition.  The events would (ideally)  be collaboration between living well, events & P&R.  We floated the idea of making a work day as part of the celebration and they were very receptive to that.   They will discuss further and follow up with more concrete plans.   After the discussion the P&R members all agreed that we need to maintain our agenda and focus and support these ideas/events as time & resources allow.  (similar to kite festival)

A discussion followed regarding improving access for disabled and/or limited mobility residents.   Steve Harris had volunteered to assist with this and Donna offered to add additional efforts.  The limitation is we need a minimal grade (+/-2%) and hard stable surface.   Alan offered his knowledge on what Yarmouth was considering and his suggestion that consistency and longevity are important considerations.  ie - a disabled individual should know the trail is always suitable and is never washed out or require maintenance.  He further suggested that given the cost and maintence requirements it is likely preferable to focus on 1 site that established a well done trail then several that are inconsistent or not top notch.   We will wait for further input from "living well”

We have received several receipts from the town forest thinning and the sum is in the order of what we expected, 5 to 6K$.

Steve Palmer checked out the new trees @ Wescustago and reports they all look good except the Swamp Oak and that tree may be too early to tell.

Picnic Tables expected this month.  One should go near the boat launch at Wescustago and we proposed moving the outhouse at OTH and placing the table on the other side of the gate.

OTH history posters are up.  Bird houses are up.  Ken will move 2 based on input from Derek at Wild Bird Center

Bike racks are out.

Rosemary will join us next month and provide her suggestions on signage.  She also will follow up on the access easement at OTH boat launch.

Ken plans to ask Clark to consider planting grass at the treated knottweed site and also clearing the trail near the Basin at OTH.

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