

North Yarmouth Parks & Rec

9.17.18, 7 pm

Present: Scott Kerr, Shelly Harkins, Bryan Emerson, Anne Lang

Guest: Rosemary Roy

- I. Call to order – 7:05
- II. Previous minutes approval
 - a. Anne motions
 - b. Scott 2nds
 - c. Unanimous
- III. Update from Town Mgr
 - a. Signs
 - i. Bailey signs can create 4 park signs for \$3,900 (they also did the town signs)
 - ii. Will be free standing, not on the kiosk with 2 posts
 - b. Comprehensive Plan Mapping/Connectivity
 - i. Committee made edits for Rosemary to bring back
 - ii. Chris Cabot of planning board committee & comprehensive plan committee, has created a map of the Old Town House Park easement into the boat launch
 - iii. Chris Cabot, Alan Stearns, and Bryan met re: comp plan and connectivity is well accepted into the comprehensive plan
 - c. Parks & Rec extra membership
 - i. P&R is part of the town charter
 - 1. If 5+ people want to be on the committee, the Select Board can add alternates without revision the charter
 - a. We can recruit through bimonthly town newsletter
 - d. Ordinance
 - i. Changes need to be addressed in Parks Ordinance
 - ii. Tobacco ordinance is up against enforcement issues
 - 1. There is no enforcement for any town ordinances
 - a. The cost of our own officer is ~\$200,000 up front for a vehicles and ~\$137,000/year after
 - 2. “Designee” languages will be revamped by Rosemary and brought to our next 11/7 meeting
 - e. Invasives
 - i. Public Works crew isn’t big enough to take this on – they can clear, but no spraying – only 2.5 FTEs
 - ii. If we hire someone out, they need to be licensed w/up to date equipment, SDS, etc
 - 1. This cost would fall to our general area budget

- 2. Plan is to have volunteers and crew cut into invasives and then have “final cut” with herbicide application
 - iii. Bryan met with Clark recently and he’s interested in having one of his crew members licensed to perform this work
 - 1. Likelihood of seasonal invasives crew member?
 - a. Part time employees need to be at least 24 hrs/week
 - i. Falmouth has a person who does this
 - 1. Rosemary to talk to Falmouth re: invasives control and include Clark
 - 2. Bryan, Clark, & Stantec are going to Westcustogo at 8 am on 10/2 if it doesn’t rain to address invasives
 - f. FY20 budget
 - i. Start considering
 - 1. Can add lines (mailings, etc).
 - a. Delegate \$ for acquisition reserves
 - 2. Additional money came in from timber reserves
 - 3. Cost of chipper/shredder can be allocated to heavy equipment reserves and/or parks reserves
 - ii. Consider Sam Ristich re: Westcustogo/NYMS reconstruction
 - 1. Potential Eagle Scout project to save money
 - iii. Requests for weddings/other events in parks as potential revenue generators
 - g. Board of Selectmen
 - i. Did away with committee liaisons except for Westcustogo facilities master plan
 - 1. We can ask for one if we want – need to put together a letter for Rosemary
 - h. Bicycle Coalition of Maine
 - i. Bike/Ped safety
 - 1. Sidewalks are achievable with MDOT, including lighting, benches, shoulders
 - a. Economic Development Committee working on this in Village Ctr with TIF
 - i. Connectivity of parks is part of the TIF plan
 - 1. Connection to Knights Pond thru new Village Ctr Estates easement
 - 2. BCM can help advocate for bike/ped infrastructure
 - a. Anne to reach out to NEMBA (new England mtn bike association)
 - ii. Rosemary and Clark met in October with PACTS
 - 1. ½ of North Rd (from Rt 9 -> 231) is town’s; the other ½ from Rt 9 to Yarmouth is MDOT’s
- IV. Oak Hill Road/Town Forest Cutting
 - a. Letter will be sent to abutters re: activity

- V. Monarch Butterflies
 - a. A Master's Level student wants to do a study on monarch butterflies in our parks
- VI. Chandler Brook Management
 - a. Boy Scouts came and cleared on 9/19
 - b. Plan is to bush hog the field perimeter to deal with invasives and address the South Brook trail
- VII. Other
 - a. Kite Festival at OTHP, 10/6 from 1104
 - i. We don't need to have a table, but contact Steve Palmer if you want to volunteer