

Scribe Sheet

Date:Tuesday, March 6, 2018

Scribe:Sally A. Davidson

Present:Michele Langley, Scott Amell, Bruce Wright, Susan Wright, Chris Cummings, Sally Davidson, Ken Goslant (Select board liaison)

Public Participants:Bonnie Donahue, Pam Bailey, Sarah Capron, Josh Sanders, Lynn Doney, Mike McGinnis, Marc Bard

Minutes subject to approval at the next meeting.

Meeting called to order at (time):6:00 PM

Meeting Adjourned at (time):10:20 PM

Next Meeting Date:Tuesday, April 3, 2018

Topic Discussed	Summary of Topic Discussed	Decision/Action to be taken	Deadline/Person Responsible	Action Item Completed
Approval of minutes	To approve the minutes of the February 6 2018 meeting	Everyone had read the minutes- Motion made by Sally Davidson to approve the minutes, seconded by Chris Cummings. No discussion had/ vote to approve 6-0-0.	None	Yes
Public Participation: Promise Committee	Promise Committee-Pam Bailey and Bonnie Donahue were there to update the Recreation Committee on their progress with the new playgrounds they want to install as soon as possible this season. One playground behind the BPL and one at the Falls Field. Most of the discussion was about the one at the Falls as that one will be the larger of the two. Their January meeting they held design workshops to get input from the community (including children) on what they would like to have in the playgrounds. Their playgrounds are intended to get the children kindergarten ready to be incorporated in the play area with play structures purchased with this in mind. Two designs were shared with the committee with having two different locations in mind. The Promise Committee wanted to know the Recreation Committee's preference on the location of the playground to be built at the Falls. They would like to incorporate a hiking/nature trail in their play area. The Promise Committee's first choice of playground is where the horse shoe pits are. They want to move the pits to a different location.	The Promise committee invited any/all of us to their next meeting. They will let us know when and where their meeting is. The Promise Committee will be back in April to share more information with us	None	Yes

<p>Public Participation: Dynamos Soccer</p>	<p>Mike McGinnis read a letter to the Recreation Committee and he also read a letter to the committee that he had written to the Select Board which he plans on reading to them at their next meeting. Both letters expressed distain in the fact that the Recreation Committee had set fees for use of the parks for profit organizations. It appears the Select Board minutes were not correct and did not have the same amounts for fees as the Recreation Committee had asked for. He felt we were picking on the Dynamos Soccer specifically because we had mentioned their organization as an example. Sally Davidson tried to tell him it was not a charge for Dynamos it was a charge for the British Challenger Organized group that was coming in and making money off the groups in this community. She also reminded him that if he had come to the Recreation Committee and/or filled out the form that he was supposed to fill out in order to reserve the fields that we would not be having this discussion. Scott Amell stated we should keep the fees as set at our previous meeting. Josh Sanders feels the fees should be waived and people should not get charged for the use of the facilities. Sally Davidson stated that because there was so much confusion and “gray matter” and because a fee schedule had not yet been set that maybe the fees should be waived for this year’s event. Michele Langley asked if she, being from Northfield, wanted to have a family gathering at the park if she would be charged. Sally Davidson said she would not, not because she was from Northfield but because it was a not for profit event. Bruce Wright was firm on the fact that this committee had set fees and we should stick to our decision. Sally Davidson reminded Mike McGinnis this committee does a “green up day” the end of April and it would go a long way if the coaches and players would show up to help out. Lynn Doney, Selectman, was at the meeting and he stated that a fee schedule had not been set up yet and the Select Board agreed with the cost we had come up with but had not voted on anything dealing with this item.</p>	<p>Bruce Wright and Sally Davidson will go to the next Select Board meeting to discuss fees with them and to correct the minutes of the meeting that discusses the fees for use of the park. Scott Amell made the motion to waive the fees for this event and the event in August for the British Challenger Events, 2nd by Susan Wright. Vote passed 5-1-0. Bruce Wright opposed.</p>	<p>Sally Davidson and Bruce Wright will go to the next Select Board meeting to get clarity and get minutes corrected.</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>Old Business</p>	<p>Michele Langley had mentioned the Rotary Club had a check ready for the Recreation Committee to pay for the bathrooms at Memorial Park and someone needs to make arrangements to get the check. Bruce Wright and Sally Davidson will make arrangements to attend one of their meetings to receive the check.</p>	<p>Sally Davidson will contact Louisa Tripp from the Rotary Club to make arrangements to attend a meeting to receive the funds.</p>	<p>ASAP</p>	<p>No</p>

Old Business	Sally Davidson asked about the banners that are sold and hung at the Little League Field in the Falls. Scott Amell reported that the Little League is going to handle this as a fund raiser for their organization. Sarah Caprone from Little League was at the meeting and confirmed they were going to do the banner project this year. Bruce Wright told Sarah he would be more than happy to help them with this project.	Bruce Wright and Sarah Capron will be in touch with one another and take this project on.	Before Little League starts for the season	No
Winter Carnival	Michele Langley reported we have two lifeguards, Shannon Palone and her sister Colleen, at the price of \$25.00 each for the two hours we need them. Most of the chicken BBQ tickets have been sold. The feeling is they will all be sold by Saturday. The "Sip-n-Paint" will take place no matter how many sign up for it, currently there are 6 signed up. Sally Davidson reported the Woman's Wellness Clinic had approached her and they would like to be involved in next year's Winter Carnival. Everything is on schedule. The BPL is holding a craft day for the community Saturday morning. The American Legion is holding an open house Saturday and Sunday. Senior Center is holding the chili cook-off. Variety of ball games and swimming will take place at Plumley Armory.	Scott Amell will get the chicken, mostaccoli, beverages, take-out containers; Michele Langley will get the cole slaw; Sally Davidson will get the cookies and rolls. Scott Amell, Chris Cummings, Rob Korrow, Bruce Wright, and Lynn Doney will work on the BBQ.	Everything will be done by this Saturday and Sunday	No
Spring Clean-Up	Bruce Wright, Josh Sanders, and Scott Amell talked about taking out shrubs, brush and trees. Lynn Doney said he had spoken to the Town Highway foreman and we can use the chipper but one of his crew will have to operate it. Lynn Doney wants to put boards around the swing sets to hold the mulch in the area it is supposed to be. We will paint the boards with the bright safety color of yellow or orange. We plan on working on the pavilion and bathrooms at this time and taking care of some safety issues. Bruce Wright suggested we put a chain link fence around the "brook" area that will be behind the bathrooms. He thinks we should take the fence all the way up the drive and back down around the edge of the brook, everyone concurred. Bruce Wright is in contact with John Guiffre from Roxbury for an estimate for the pavilion to try to cut costs. He is also in touch with Phil Chamberlin to get cost for concrete. Scott Amell is in contact with Gadbois and DeLary about donating the plumbing work that needs to be done in the bathrooms. Lynn Doney will get in touch with Patrick DeMasi about where the water/sewer and electric lines are.	Scott Amell-DeLary and Gadbois Bruce Wright-John Guiffre and Phil Chamberlin Lynn Doney-Patrick DeMasi	By next meeting/April 3 rd	No

Letters of Interest	So far the committee has received three (3) letters of interest for the open seats on the Recreation Committee due to four (4) terms expiring and only two (2) of it's current members resigning for another term.. The committee heard from all three candidates, all of whom will be an amazing asset to this committee. After listening and asking questions the committee wanted to go into executive session to discuss which two (2) they would recommend to the Select Board to offer the positions to.	Sally Davidson suggested we go into executive session to discuss the candidates with an invitation to Selectman Lynn Doney. Scott Amell made the motion to go into executive session with an invitation to Selectman Lynn Doney, 2 nd by Susan Wright. After some discussion about each of the applicants Sally Davidson made the motion to come out of executive session so we could take action, 2 nd by Susan Wright. Vote was taken but not announced because apparently the deadline for letters of interest don't end until March 21 st . If there are no more letters the vote will stay, if there are more letters we will take a re-vote.	Make a recommendation to the Select Board for new members at their March 27 th meeting.	No
Board Members Comments	Michele Langley announced that there is a possibility that Rob Korrow may be resigning his seat because he doesn't feel he can give it enough time with everything else he does.	Sally Davidson will call Rob Korrow tomorrow and talk with him to see what his desire is. We may take all three (3) applicants if this is going to happen	Sally Davidson will make some calls ASAP	No