

JUPD Board Meeting Minutes 03/05/2014

Board Members Present: Olivia Strong, Michelle Hayes, Marcy Gibson, James Massingham, Robert Naylor and Marie Lynch

Meeting came to order at 7:05pm

Meeting minute from 02/19/2014 were approved

Financial Report:

Checking Balance = \$18,783.79

CD Balance = \$1,367.87

Power Account = \$5,000.31

Total Balance = \$25,151.97

Marcy has started keeping track of budget items for next year budget discussion. Marcy got a quote from Jim Bedell regarding plowing the park. He said it would be \$140 per day plus extra for sanding or salting. Jim asked if there is a amount that would require work being put out to bid. The threshold is \$10,000 for work to go out for bid. The board needs to look at mowing, trail maintenance along with plowing etc that needs to go out for bid.

Jim will be doing work with the school district on Friday and will get bids specs for mowing and plowing from them.

As soon as tax season is over Jim will start the process for getting names of applicants to bring to the subcommittee for getting someone to review our financials.

Trail Grant:

Thanks to Jim and Bob for completing the application for a 2nd grant for the Fieldstone East Project. A preliminary decision would be made in May 2014. The total budget would be \$24,450 with \$19,750 from RTP.

Park Management:

We discussed the e-mail Bob had sent 2 weeks ago regarding signage on the trails for xc skiers, snow shoers etc. Livy stated that this had been tried several years ago and it did not succeed, people will take the easiest path. Also very difficult to enforce unless someone is at the park all the time. After discussing, it was decided there was no support.

We discussed the need for gravel on the Fieldstone west loop as there are several wet areas and also the trail is not crowned, in addition to needing gravel on the Fieldstone east loop once that is upgraded. We discussed the difficulty in having the gravel on the parking lot side and how to move it over the bridge. Livy said that when the time came she would speak to Don Balch

about using his driveway that is adjacent to the park to have the gravel brought into the park and stock piled for both Fieldstone west loop and Fieldstone east loop when upgraded. When it gets closer to summer we can get an estimate as to how much gravel would be needed. Livy brought up the Widowmaker trees and what should be done with them. Jim will talk to Timber Tree Care and get an estimate. The board approved Jim's motion that if it costs \$300 or less to remove the trees then he will have them remove the trees.

Livy had sent out an e-mail earlier regarding The Winooski Valley Conservation District sale of trees, shrubs and trout that needs to be ordered by 03/24/2014. She was looking at possibly purchasing shrubs to help with erosion near the river. Livy also spoke with Josh Benes who is planning a Jericho Conservation Commision workday at the park in May (?4th). Josh is able to get the same trees, shrubs etc for about the same price and can be picked up whenever unlike the Winooski Valley Conservation District sale that needs to be picked up on a specific day. Bob brought up the idea of a Forest Management plan and establishing a plan for the ryperion (?spelling)area before ordering any trees so we can get ones that will benefit the area the most. Bob will contact Charlie Seigris for an estimate. Livy will attend the Jericho Conservation Committee meeting to get more information and will e-mail the board after the meeting.

Publicity:

Marcy put a line on the website that stated "weddings are not allowed" which was omitted from the old website. Livy has been e-mailing back and forth with a person interested in 08/09/2014 for a "ceremony". Livy finally received the paperwork for Cutler-Dunn Wedding for that date. Livy sent her e-mails discouraging her from wanting to have the wedding at the park but she says it will be low keyed. The issue was discussed by the board members and the board members declined her request.

The parks annual report was not included in the Jericho annual report. There was a line stating to refer to the park website. Livy will check to see if this is a one time only or if that is how it will be every year.

There is only one Wednesday not scheduled yet for the summer concert series.

The farmers market is experiencing some financial issues but will be at the park again this summer.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42pm

Respectfully submitted

Marie M. Lynch

