

10/1/14 Meeting begins: 7:01pm

Attending: Andy French, Jim Massingham, Bob Naylor, Marie Lynch, Livy Strong, Marcy Gibson

Guest: Eden Shullenberger

- Budget discussion= time will be limited to other discussions due to the pressing nature of the budget.
- Approval of prior minutes... Approved
- Financial report. No questions.
 - Marcy- no bill from Keegan or Hinesburg sand and gravel. Bob will call and inquire.
 - No bill from Charlie either- pothole fix.

Park management

- Trails- Bob: Not much has happened, no word back from Keegan about trail work... he seems busy. No clue whether he'll come around in time to do the evaluation. Bob thinks we should put together a program/team to evaluate sites, etc. (Andy, Jim, Bob). He still thinks there are problems with fieldstone west (culverts, dirt seepage)...
- Livy wonders about the validity of getting a professional opinion, rather than personal opinions. .. Maybe we should map/look at things first, then submit to Keegan or others for professional opinions on the specifics of repair work. We all decide that's a good idea.
- Eden (guest) comes in. Introductions all around. Bob shows marker, equipment that he has to use for the assessment project. All agree to form "trails subcommittee" to assess.
- Compost... System is in stasis for now. Livy says how she was discussing with a town clerk another possibility...large institutions are already composting. Short term burial may be the best options. After it's buried, she thinks we should try to continue with the idea, somehow.
- Andy will figure out prices for poop removal. Maybe Neil can bury the waste? Not much progress but we will figure something out.
- Bob: motion to get Neil to dig a hole and bury the compost, where we see fit. Andy seconds. Livy describes where she thinks it should be buried. Vote: Passed.

Publicity/website

- Andy will do the Ecopixel training, Marcy and he will speak after the meeting.
- Warnings need to be posted up soon, and in multiple places. Annual meeting and (?).
- BRMS race was today, Livy said it went awesome. Couldn't have been happier. Some parents said over by the bridge was very scenic. Football have games every Saturday this month. Livy talked to Joe Gay about getting extra service for portalet, and he said yes. Extra on Monday now (and Thursday, as usual). Livy has been checking regularly and it gets pretty full, especially with practice 5 days a week.
- Oct 10th is the high school track meet and maybe Andy/Jim could talk to Bill Esholz (track coach)? They are planning on parking at the park... Jim will speak. Andy will try to order cones etc. and have them come in before

Budget

- The budget we need to plan for is 2015-2016, and we're barely through the current fiscal year so it's hard to predict.
- Looking at the budget docs Marcy gave us, not many questions.
- Specifics: Bio Bags? Should we keep using them? We will budget for Bio but if we get the regular we'll end up saving money. Andy will look into the cost of regular ones.
- Insurance has gone up... Bob says 9%.
- Snow plowing? We will need to add for the 2015-2016 year... Marcy got ballpark for \$7000. Everyone thinks we should ask around for differing price schedules. Livy says that it's a very real possibility the town will continue to plow. We will put it in the budget anyway, under Roads. Bob thinks that there should be more categories (sub categories) on the budget.
- We projected \$10,000, we've already spent \$4,207.54. Being unsure of how much Keegan will charge once the bill comes in means that what we've already spent may be overage. We need to send to the state photo copies of the bills, broken out into categories related the trails for the purposes of the grant.
- Budget Line Items: Trails & Grounds will now just consist of trail maintenance. Road will include snow plow and pot hole fixing (previously under Trails).
- We said some time ago that we would begin funding reserve fund (CD), which we haven't put any money in. Marcy thinks we should start this year, the same amount we put in the power account. Bob thinks we should find out how much organizations of our size should have put away for a rainy day fund. Bob ---> get an accountant to tell us? Marcy will call Michelle (accountant).
- Bob wonders if the back areas need to be mowed? (fields. The trees are starting to grow). Livy will ask Neil to do it.
- Pond fund is at \$500... Bob says they got a quote for \$17,000 to redo the pond, so maybe it has to go up. We need settling pond repair, and drainage repair. Bob says the pond is getting old and needs to be worked on. Bob proposes \$4000 for now, and we can do it in stages. All think this is a good idea.
- Jim- concerts? Maybe drop the first one and add it on the end? Marcy suggests we drop the June one so they are all in the same fiscal year. Livy says she will look at the situation; she has already booked next year's bands.
- Jim/Andy- mowing be adjusted to \$10,000 due to continual over estimating? All agree.
- Portalets' estimate has been a little high... but may go up. Revise to \$2500.
- Marcy explains concert income and concert expense system....again. It was made clear that this was the system she inherited ☺.

New business

- Bob: questions from Eden? Since she's considering being on the board... Eden: what are the most immediate goals and needs? Livy: the maintenance takes up a lot of time but we are always excited about new ideas, etc.
- Public forum idea. Maybe we can get some direct input from the public again like we have done in the past?
- Livy explains that there are many restrictions on what we can do due to the conservation easement.
- Andy proposes new parking lot expansion... Will consider.

Meeting End Time: 8:45pm