

10/15/14 Minutes

Board Members Present: Andrew French, Robert Naylor, Jim Massingham, Marcy Gibson, Olivia Strong.

Board Members Absent: Marie Lynch

Motions passed: Approved last meeting's minutes, approved Andy's dog waste system with \$700 of equipment (ASAP), approved getting Gauthier's to remove the dog waste (ASAP), approval of 2015-2016 budget.

Decisions/To Do: Bob will write up what he/Jim have seen on their trail observation so far, Livy will talk to Charlie Wigand about an estimate to repair trails he has already worked on, Andy will work on Athletic Field Maintenance Plan.

Marcy – Financial report/overview:

Balances now:

Balance if we fund capital reserve:

Checking	\$25,767.77	Checking	\$15,767.77
Power	\$5,007.64	Power	\$15,007.64
CD	\$1,376.07	CD	\$1,376.07
	Total: \$32,152		Total: \$32,152

Park Management-

Bob – Looked at the well, and put in new control board with Gerry Adams. There is still a problem though: blown sensor down below. The pump still works but board still needs replacing. Bob will talk with Spafford about the charge for replacing. It might be worth it to wait until next spring before fixing it completely since we won't really need it gain this season.

Bob (trails): Jim and Bob walked the connector trail and fieldstone west. They walked it with the distance recorder and made notes about culverts, erosion and other items of interest. Bob hasn't written it up yet but he will. He hasn't heard back from Keegan either. Bob showed us the map he is working on and is improving. Bob likes having a plan and working off of that, so we can compare what works, etc. He is glad Neil Villanue is around, who can do so much, and he would like him to work on a culvert before the winter comes (top end of Fieldstone West). He thinks him and Neil could fix it pretty easy. Livy and Marcy wonder about what needs to be fixed on the culvert... Bob explains: needs to add soil cloth and hard pack to prevent further erosion. He wants to lay down some flat stone in the entrance to direct water flow better.

Livy expresses concern over just silently switching over a lot of the work over to Neil... She thinks Charlie deserves the opportunity to answer for and defend the work he has already done. Jim thinks this is a good opportunity to learn from this and maybe do an experiment. Let Charlie maintain the trail he has worked on, and Bob and VYCC keep working on theirs, and we can see whose method is better. Bob has been worried about Charlie's ideas about just grading it over and over, doesn't think that's a great method. Livy thinks, and Jim agrees, that she is uneasy about how we are approaching this whole situation and just giving Neil a lot of business piecemeal, but that adds up to a lot. We all agree that we should be better about getting estimates from more people around town. Maybe we should give Charlie a chance to come back and fix his work... Livy will ask him to go look at the problems. She will get a written estimate from Charlie and see what he would do to about the problems (culverts and wet areas). If it happens that the cost exceeds our bid threshold, then we can get bids then.

Compost- Neil will dig a hole and bury the contents of the large bin, and remove the dirt from the others so that we have access to it if we want it. He will remove and replace the wire around them.

High school track meet on 10/10 went really well, even though it was based all at the park. Livy has been dealing with conflicts among people who rented space for events, and basically putting out fires (football games popped up while the other events were going on). Thanks for dealing with all that Livy.

Andy goes over the poop bag situation, distributes some literature about the best way forward.

Motion (Bob): Go by Andy's plan and buy needed equipment for system to begin asap (per the distributed document). Phase in the bags new bags (in order to get rid of the old ones first) but buy new ones before the winter. Can start ASAP. Up to \$700 signage, bag disposal, waste containers, and posts.
Second: Jim. Motion passed.

Motion (Jim): Andy will contract Gauthiers Trucking to remove waste. No more than \$600/year. Can start ASAP. Second: Bob. Motion passed.

Publicity: We have an ad in the local telephone book. Yay!

Budget: Marcy has broken out concert expenses and income (thanks Marcy!) . She has also separated out the maintenance better. Has projected \$10,000 for trails maintenance for next year, we all agree that will hopefully be sufficient. Fund reserve Account will be the buffer, since we are planning on spending more than we take in, but we do not need to put in the full \$5000, we can put in less if it keeps us in the black. Marcy spoke with Michelle (accountant) and she said there is no set amount that is a good idea to keep in reserve, it's just personal preference.

Marcy explains the capital reserve fund, and we discuss the validity of funding it the full \$5000. Bob tries to do the math out to see some trends about the general amount we spend every year. About \$24k. We all think the \$5000 is worthwhile to fund, and we can always do less if we need to.

We think it's a good idea to have the \$7000 (snowplowing) in there just in case the town decides not to plow next year. If we do not fund the reserve account, which we decided not to for 2015-2016, then the total budget WITHOUT the snowplowing is 4% less than the previous years. If we add the snowplowing in, it increases each town's liability to almost 20% more than the previous year.

We decide to keep the budget as is, but without the \$5000 projected for the capital reserve funding. So basically it is increasing just the amount of the snowplowing, which may not happen.

Motion (Jim): To approve 2015-2016 budget of \$43,322. Bob: second. Motion passed.

Bob wants a Field Management program, Andy will work on seeing what needs to be done and put together a recommendation.

Livy has spoken with Neil about brush hogging; he will do it at the end of the season. Bob wants it done in the middle of the season, Livy doesn't... she says it makes the fields look terrible, and there is a lot of birds that nest in the fall in the fields. As it stands Neil will do this at the end of the season still.

Andy wants to get a debit/credit card for the checking account, to make ordering things online easier. Marcy says she will try to get one.

Meeting adjourned 9:08pm