

JUPD Minutes January 20, 2016

Board Members Present: Livy Strong, Marie Lynch, Carol Smith, Marcy Gibson, Andrew French, Jim Massingham

Prospective Board Member Present: Judie Jones

Town Clerks Present: Sherri Morin, Jessica Alexander

Public Present: Ryan Mercer, Ann Broekhuizen, Jean-Marie Milliken, Mike Morin

Annual Meeting started at 7 P.M

Article 1. Jim was unanimously elected moderator

Article 2. Report of Trustees - Livy gave a summary of past year.

Maintainance - Much maintenance was focused on trails system. The West Fieldstone Loop was improved and restored.

Pond - The 1.5 acre pond needs work to address drainage and that may cost as much as \$27,000. A section of pipe which was dislodged because of a frost heave had to be replaced.

Dog waste - This is a big issue. We no longer have the compost bins because it was too labor intensive and eventually the energy to take care of the system fizzled. Now there is a freestanding receptacle and there are dispensers throughout the park.

Events -There are now sports going on spring, summer & fall along with cross country events from middle schools and high school. Both last year and this year there will be 5 concerts. The pavilion is busy and is reserved spring through fall. There is also the Eagle Meadow picnic area by the red barn and the gazebo which are being reserved. A handicapped ramp will be added to it this year.

Volunteerism - There are two workdays a year. The scouts always help and there is HS community service along with general community help. The new kiosk with the large map is an eagle scout project.

The board of Trustees report was approved.

Article 3. Authorizing the trustees to borrow money for temporary needs was approved.

Article 4 After questions about donations, the budget adopted.

Annual Meeting adjourned at 7:20

Business Meeting started at 7:20

Minutes approved.

Financial Report - no financial report this meeting

Park Management

Plowing and Sanding: This has been contracted out to Chris Poley's company Terrain Tek. There was some concern that the area was too icy so Livy will contact Chris when the drive needs to be sanded.

Portalet: Livy will order a portalet for the Klondike Derby on February 6. Their paperwork and check have been received.

Pet Memorial: At the last meeting, all board members present discussed it and voted against a pet memorial. Issues considered at the last meeting were the assumption of land specially designated for a memorial, size of

such an area, and putting name on rocks. There is, however, a close knit group of people who walk their dogs in the park and would like to put deceased pets names on rocks and place the rocks near the river and the people involved would monitor it. They will put their suggestions in writing and send it to Livy.

Summer Concert Series: There will be five concerts, 4 in July and 1 in August. Bands are interested and we will have both new and repeat bands.

Publicity: Discussed reaching out to certain groups via email. Mailchimp, an email aggregating service is free if there are less than 5000 emails. We could customize the emails to they would be dedicated to certain groups. Marcy will begin process of updating the forms if they don't already ask for email information. We might consider using emails as a way to ask for donations?

Meeting Adjourned 8:03