

MINUTES 8-17-16

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

Meeting started at 7:00

Review of minutes - minutes approved as submitted

Jacob Wexler who made the wheelchair ramp as his Eagle Scout Project reported he had \$450 left over and recommended that extra money go towards landscaping which we will do. The ramp looks very good.

Financial report - For FY16 our total income was \$63,011.96 and our total expenses were \$39,507.04 with a net income of \$23,504.92. So far this year, FY17, we have \$45,610.76 in checking, \$20,083.23 in the Power account, and \$1,395.44 in the CD for a total of \$67,089.40. None of the concerts needed to be cancelled due to weather so our concert donations came to \$865.

Park Management

Trees - Neil has taken care of trees determined to have Dutch Elm disease. He did a great job cutting them down and you can't even tell there had been trees there. Unfortunately, another tree by the red barn looks affected too.

Pond - The pond looks OK. During the summer when the water level had gotten very low, a length of pipe was visible yet still functioned correctly. After a hard rain, all looks good

Mowing - This is going well. Initially there were a few complaints, now there are more compliments. They are doing great job in off leash area, they work fast and are attentive to people walking. They're doing weed wacking about every 5 weeks

Paving - This issue will be addressed later.

Snow plow bid - This will be in the Sept 1 issue of the Mountain Gazette and also on our website and the Front Page Forum. The contract will be for one year. Bids will need to be in by September 19th, we can review them at our Sept 21 meeting and will check references. Whoever gets the bid will be notified after our October 5th meeting which means they will be notified on either October 5th or 6th. There will be a change in language from the previous bid to this and what was items 4 will be clarified and become items 4 and 5. This will be as follows:

Previous bid

4. Snow plowing of the parking area will be wide enough to accommodate one way car/truck traffic plus perpendicular parking on both sides of road will be wide enough to accommodate one way car/truck traffic plus parallel parking on both sides of road.

Current bid

4. Snow plowing of the parking area will be wide enough to accommodate two lanes of car/truck traffic plus perpendicular parking on both sides of the parking area.
5. Snow plowing of exit road will accommodate two lanes from parking area to rte 15.

Events - The summer concert series was very successful and many of our park visitors would have preferred 6 concerts rather than 5.

Board vacancy - Two Underhill residents are interested in the board position. One will be at our September 7 meeting and the other will be at our September 21 meeting.

Timber & Stone Trail Assessment -Livy was able to get the needed GPS maps from the Vermont Land Trust. They have finished the comprehensive evaluation of the trails.

Sports - Football started Monday. Things seem to be going well and the problem with parking inside the park has been resolved.. They appear to be using the fields they are supposed to use. We will keep up our surveillance.

High School and Middle School Cross Country events - 9-23, 10-7 and 10-23. Some of the forms seem to be lacking. There will be several hundred runners plus spectators. Starts and finishes should be at the middle school and buses need to park at the school. There is to be no spray paint and no trash remaining. To make sure the schools comply, MMU coach has been invited to our next meeting. We realize that going forward we will need to have a large event form.

Publicity - We talked about the board vacancy from Underhill and when prospective board members can attend meetings.

Elections - Due to Marcy leaving, board officers have changed. The new officers, who were all nominated, seconded and approved are as follows:

Secretary - Jim Massingham will be the new secretary and Marie Lynch will be the backup secretary.

Treasurer - Carol Smith will be the new treasurer and also will be the second person with web access.

Facilities being used when not reserved - We notice trash and picnic material around. People seems to be looking at the calendar and seeing for themselves when things are free.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30

