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MINUTES
12/6/23

Board members present: Bruce Blockland, Jim Massingham, Donna Pratt, Kim Spaulding, Livy Strong, Chris Tardie & Dave Williamson

Board members absent:

Guests: Jennifer Silpe-Katz (Underhill Animal Control Officer) & Olivia Arent (Jericho Animal Control Officer)

1. Livy called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.
2. Public comment: No public comment
3. Discussion about leash enforcement with town Animal Control Officers
 - A. Jennifer thought that we need a better mechanism for the public to communicate regarding dog issues. She further suggests that folks with a problem use cell phone to document the problem. Social media is a good resource
 - B. Jennifer strongly suggests we create an ordinance that outlines rules, regulations and consequences
 - C. To introduce changes to park enforcement efforts, Jennifer suggests a dog registration event at which people are informed regarding expected pet behavior. Announcement of this activity could be at Town Meeting to maximize exposure. Timing might be near April 1, when dog registration is required
 - D. Olivia suggested reinforcing the requirement that dogs must be under control of the owner even if off leash
 - E. Jennifer thought we should discourage people walking multiple dogs. Some other parks limit dog walking to three dogs
 - F. Jim volunteered to head up the writing of the potential ordinance. Board members are asked to review VLCT Model Policy and local ordinances to be ready to discuss this issue at our next meeting

4. Review of minutes.
 - A. Dave moved to approve the 11/15/23 minutes. Kim seconded. Motion approved with three abstentions

5. Donna presented the Financial Report
 - A. Donna presented the P & L statement and Balance Sheet

NEFCU - JUPD Power	\$80,522.06
Union Bank - JUPD Muni checking	\$24,559.42
 - B. She anticipates an additional \$18,000 before the end of the year
 - C. Jim moved to approve the financial report. Dave seconded. Motion approved unanimously

6. Park Management
 - A. Chris reviewed parking area and driveway improvements
 - (1) The drain cover will be installed when it arrives. The top coat will be installed in the spring
 - (2) Posts and horizontal boards that define the parking area will be installed by Chris and others as soon as possible
 - B. Livy is looking forward to heavy rains and ice and wondered if we should put up warning signs. After some discussion, no action taken
 - C. Holiday decorations are up thanks to Donna
 - D. People counter shows 4,816 park users for November

7. Publicity
 - A. Update on driveway and parking is needed. Chris volunteered to write it up
 - B. Livy will post the Annual Meeting warning

8. No other business

9. Bench policy will be reviewed at the next meeting

10. Board terms
 - A. Underhill expiring terms: Jim, Kim
 - B. Jericho expiring terms: Chris, Donna

11. Jim moved to adjourn. Livy seconded. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Massingham