

New Gloucester

Parks and Recreation Committee

Minutes of January 7th, 2019

Guests Present: Richard Allan (ERC), Rick Haas (Lazy Dog Farm), Cheryl Haas (Lazy Dog Farm)

Members Present: Kathleen Potter, Rebecca Klotzle, Don Libby, Jane Sturgis, Michael Fralich, Kimberly Brusseau, Linda Chase (Selectman Liaison), Brady White

Town Staff Present: Morgan Rocheleau (Parc Director)

*Julie and Michael Fralich donated (40) acres to the Royal River Conservation. (thank you!)

1. Approval of Minutes of the Last Meeting: K. Brusseau motioned. K. Potter second. 7-1
2. ERC Update: R. Allen and ERC will be meeting with Scott Hastings on Wednesday (1/9/19) to go over the comprehensive plan.
3. Old Business:
 - a. Budget:
 - i. Review and Discussion; M. Rocheleau will be meeting with Carrie Castonguay to present to the budget committee. L. Chase said that we still need to put sealant on the wood at the Pavilion.
 - ii. CIP Update: Will be using the reserve for the Master Plan – Capital improvement aspect for the Fairgrounds i.e. security and safety, video surveillance at both Rowe Station and the Fairgrounds, Solar Lighting.
 - b. Community Fair: M. Rocheleau reached out to Peter Bragdon and will be attending their next meeting. The Community Fair is soliciting help and another member joined their committee.
 - c. Farmers' Market: M. Rocheleau reached out to R. Haas and would like to continue the Farmers' Market through the PARC. A marketing line was developed in the budget for signs etc. The Market will be out front at the Fairgrounds with better accessibility, more visibility on social media. D. Libby motioned to create a subcommittee. 8-0 approval. Please email Morgan if you would like to be a member.
 - d. Programming:
 - i. Senior Programming: We have partnered with Gray and Windham for senior bus trips. The first one will be in March to the Boston Flower Show. There will be a senior luncheon at Pineland Farms in February to promote this.
 - ii. Hot Shot Competition: We have partnered with Gray and this will begin at the end of the month. Ages 9-15 and you can register through Gray's website.
 - iii. Full Moon Snowshoe Tours: The first one is January 18th at the Dunn School.

4. New Business

- a. Naming of the Pavilion: The name Price Pavilion has been approved by the Selectmen. The sign just needs to be ordered. M. Rocheleau will get some more information.
- b. LWCF Grant: M. Rocheleau met with Doug Beck for the final inspection in December. We have a 9-month extension and we need to finish the ramp and trails need to be cut.
- c. Fairgrounds Improvement Plan:
 - i: Vision of the Space? The ice-skating rink needs to be installed before the ground freezes and the Water District needs to be contacted. Discussions on the original Master Plan and what still needs to happen. The boat launch needs to be developed. There still needs to be improvement to the infield. The irrigation system needs to be looked at and there needs to be mile markers on the track. More signs need to go up about having your dog on a leash/picking up after your dog, and speed limit signs.

Next meeting to be held on February 4th, 2019. 5:30pm in the Community Building.