

## **Parks & Community Programs Advisory Committee Minutes January 21, 2014**

Attendees: Lucky D'Ascanio, Karen Jones, Dan Smith, Andrea Mittleider, Jeff Mason

Notes taken by Andrea Mittleider

### Parks Division Report:

Presented by Jeff Mason

Plowing snow

Tree lighting a success

- ran about fifteen minutes ahead of schedule, possibly because of the rain (there were fewer babies to meet Santa this year)
- high school chorus was a popular addition
- lighted ornaments made with chicken wire and holiday lights turned out very well

Grooming cross country trails

Community Park has suffered a large number of dog deposits this winter; including many full bags left on fence

The police department was recently called out for an altercation at Community Park. A dog was attacked on two occasions by two dogs (the owner was knocked down on the second occasion). The attacking dogs' owner was given a citation and prohibited from visiting town property at this time.

Nordic ski lessons for grades 2-5 were rained out last week but the Parks crew anticipates grooming next week with more cold weather moving in and the program will have great conditions.

### FCP Report:

Presented by Lucky D'Ascanio

Just took trip to Maine Huts and Trails; 24 people attended an overnight event snowshoeing and cross country skiing. Not much snow this year.

Biltmore trip was very popular.

Grand Canyon trip will be held this fall.

Grade 4-5 ski program starts tomorrow.

Shop Falmouth was uneventful. Businesses who were surveyed had positive comments but did not see a lot of increased traffic. Hoping to coincide with national "Shop Local" event next year.

Shop Falmouth may be transferred to local commerce association.

Mason/Motz Update:

Presented by Lucky D'Ascanio

Lucky D'Ascanio and Matt Gilbert met with Oak Point

Three proposals:

1-to do everything we wanted, \$1.8 million (above \$1 million threshold requirement for referendum)

2-base plan for upgrades to utilities and code required work (removing connector between Motz and Plummer, dedicated water line, separate utilities, new HVAC and boiler for Motz, ADA required bathroom code changes), \$686,000

3-base plan plus moving the office there \$906,000

4-base plan plus programming space upgrades that will be noticed by residents (but not moving the office at this time)--fitness type room with sports floor, upgrades to locker rooms (ADA compliant and aesthetic, kitchen/breakroom area to make it usable for program space, probably no movable walls because of cost (just under a million)

Old Business/New Business:

The town manager and Lucky D'Ascanio held a preliminary meeting with Casco Bay Youth Hockey (buys ice time from various rinks for youth hockey teams). They are interested in possibly replacing the rink at Village Park with an outdoor refrigerated covered rink to operate 19 weeks out of the year. This may require a site plan review (lighting, shade trees, parking improvements, etc.) and further research/investigation.

Next meeting:

February 18, 2014 at 4:00