

Parks & Community Programs Advisory Committee Minutes

August 19, 2014

Minutes from May were voted to be accepted as presented.

Attendees: Lucky D'Ascanio, Karen Jones, Janet Dye, Mary Lou Murphy, Dan Smith, Jeff Mason

Parks Division Report:

Jeff Mason reported there has been lots of rain! Falmouth hosted Little League Allstars this year. Field 1-A was re-seeded and closed to all programs for approximately 6-8 weeks; using mower deck strategies for mowing to allow for continued new growth. Parks Division is losing all 4 summer hires on 8/22/14. Jeff and Lucky attended a workshop on Integrated Pest Management (IPM) put on by the State...received good information on ticks. Labor Day will bring more full time soccer play on the fields. The fence at Grubb Parking lot in the back of Legion Field Complex came down to prepare for a walkway through the wooded area to the fire station. The extra fencing was used to put up a safety fence around the ball field lighting apparatus.

FCP Report: Lucky reported on the Casco Bay Youth Hockey practice hockey rink at Village Park. Plumbing has been removed from the warming hut; hockey boards have been sold and the fence has come down. The project is moving forward; rink will come in pieces similar to "modular" concept. They are upgrading the electrical systems at the park. The last concert had almost 300 people in attendance....overall it was a great concert season!

Riverpoint Bridge received approval from the railroad so it will begin to move forward. Looking at the beginning of September to begin demo work.

Community Center-The RFP went out; staying with natural gas; Base Bid plus 4 bid alternates are:

1. Base Bid - Code Required Upgrades and separate; water line, furnace, new LED lights

2. Programming Space/Classroom updates....maybe new flooring
3. Music room into the kitchen/breakroom
4. Administrative Office Space Upgrades (moving FCP offices to Mason-Motz)
5. Closing the connector on the Plummer side. (This was done on Ocean Views behalf.)

The connector will come down; the back yard space looks good; they want to use it for planting memorial trees & meandering paths. The town council will vote on architect and staff recommendation at the September 8th meeting.

Volunteer opportunities- Lucky will email the date for volunteering at the Community Supper to benefit the food pantry. Also...we may have an in to go to Washington, DC and participate in the wreath project in Arlington.

Next meeting date is September 16, 2014 at 4:00pm.

~Respectfully submitted by Karen Jones