

Parks and Community Programs Advisory Committee
8/16/2016
4:00 pm
Mason-Motz Conference Center

Meeting Called By: Karen Jones

Note Taker: Lucky D'Ascanio

Attendees: Lucky D'Ascanio, Karen Jones, Sally Bitan, Janet Dye, Melanie Collins, Dan Smith, Erin Cadigan-Tercentennial Committee Chair

Secretary's Report:

No changes to minutes from May meeting. Motion to accept minutes made by Dan, seconded by Janet. All voted in favor.

Parks Division Report:

The department was fully staffed in mid-June and has been busy. While we are not officially in a drought, the lack of rain has slowed the mowing schedule a bit leaving time for other projects. The team has been prepping the Presumpscot Falls Park for the addition of actual millstones from the Smelt Hill Dam (currently these stones are located at Graves School Park and Walton Park) to be incorporated into the park near the old bridge abutment. A generous benefactor will be donating interpretive signs regarding the mills that were in existence at the site dating back to the late 1700's. Walton Park dock was repaired late spring and the High School/Middle School tennis courts have been resurfaced and lighting updated. Parks has been putting out water at Community Park which has helped tremendously with the dry weather and the fields are in great shape for the upcoming Fall sports seasons.

FCP Report:

The Fall brochure is just about ready to be sent to the printer. All Adult and Youth programs were very well attended and Mason-Motz Activity Center was busy busy busy with many camps all summer long.

The new "before and after the bell" program is almost completely full and ready to go and it seems we have filled a need for many parents in the community.

Projects:

There has been some progress with the Senior Room at Mason-Motz. We will be using the Town's General Contractor and have asked Port City Architects for assistance with interior sketch plans and technical assistance. This project is anticipated to begin mid-Fall and be completed by mid-December if all goes well.

Tercentennial Committee Update:

Erin Cadigan from the Tercentennial Committee gave PACPAC members an update on the progress of the committee. They have solicited proposals for logos and have many great ideas to ponder over the coming months. The celebration is shaping up to be many small "celebrations" over the course of a year. Erin asked committee members to fill out a form listing at least (3) people that may be interested in taking part in or helping out with the Tercentennial. (see attached)

Old Business/New Business:

Karen reminded the group about the Hands Around the Cove program and mentioned that the coordinators are now asking for a donation to take part in the event. The website is www.handsaroundthecove.org.

Next Meeting:

September 20, 2016. This meeting will be our Annual Parks & Open Space Tour and will begin at 3:30pm. Please meet at the Mason-Motz lot off Lunt Road.