

Parks and Community Programs Advisory Committee
11-15-2016
4:00 pm
Mason-Motz Activity Center

Meeting Called By: Lucky D'Ascanio

Note Taker: Andrea Mittleder

Attendees: Lucky D'Ascanio, Karen Jones, Melanie Collins, Sally Bitan, Andrea Mittleder

Parks Division Report:

The crew has been cleaning out the cemeteries. They acquired two new powerful backpack blowers, which have been a huge improvement to efficiency. Sally Bitan queried if quieter blowers are available on the market.

Holiday lights are going up in preparation for the Falmouth tree lighting ceremony, which will be held on December 1 in Village Park from 5:30-6:30.

The name of the former Shop Falmouth Weekend has been changed to A Very Merry Weekend. It will be held on December 2 and 3.

The sander will be mounted on the FCP truck soon in anticipation of winter precipitation.

The Falls Park Bridge area has been cleaned, the handrails have been painted, and the millstones from the original mill have been relocated to the park with a new interpretive sign.

FCP Report:

The Good Table and Maine Coastal Botanical Gardens field trips were huge successes, requiring two buses each to ferry attendees.

More seniors are taking part in FCP activities. A new bulletin board has been placed at Plummer for senior activities. Pickle Ball is especially popular.

The winter brochure is well underway and will be out early in December.

The Learn to Ski program will be offered again this year.

The renovation of the Plummer conference room will begin soon. Some lights will also be replaced due to manufacturing defects.

A power outlet in the floor of the former kitchen was not removed in the prior renovation, which caused near catastrophe when the room was mopped recently. The original electrician refused to correct the error, but the general contractor stepped up to address the issue.

The Greening of Falmouth plan will be updated soon, and a joint LMAC/PACPAC committee will be working together on the new plan.

Pet Forum:

LMAC, with input from PACPAC, has proposed two ordinance revisions: (1) pets should be leashed within 300 feet of all trailheads or parking lots on any parks or public lands; and (2) different rules should apply to different parks. Specifically, LMAC has requested different rules for three areas: the North Falmouth Community Forest, Suckfish Brook Conservation Area, and Hadlock Community Forest, primarily to address seasonal bird breeding needs. One another addition will be memorialized in the ordinance and that is that Woods Road Community Forest will be closed Dec-March per DEP Order that the property be managed as a deer wintering yard.

Some changes to current policy should also be staff implemented, including changes to signage, patrols, treatment of dog waste, etc.

The proposed changes will go first to the ordinance committee, and then public hearing.

Old Business/New Business:

None.

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