

Parks and Community Programs Advisory Committee
2-23-2016
4:00 pm
Mason-Motz Activity Center

Meeting Called By: Karen Jones, Chair

Note Taker: Andrea Mittleider

Attendees: Lucky D'Ascanio, Karen Jones, Melanie Collins, Janet Dye, Dan Smith, Sally Bitan, Dominic Scette-Ducati, Andrea Mittleider

Parks Division Report:

So far the winter has been fairly benign, allowing the parks crew to work on projects other than snow removal. They have put up new signs at parks, ("please help to keep our parks clean, take your trash with you") and have ordered replacement playground equipment for Mason-Motz and Huston. Summer planning is underway, and the department is hoping to re-hire the former police officer who worked last year from mid-April to mid-October.

FCP Report:

The spring/summer brochure is in the works, and a number of concerts and programs are planned for this summer.

Shop Falmouth weekend was a big success this year and the Chili Chowder Cook-Off using Village Park will likely be repeated next year.

Projects Update:

Casco Bay Youth Hockey: The rink is in use and is providing much needed flexibility for scheduling hockey practices. The only real issue or concern early on was the question of where to put the Zamboni ice shavings. During this mild winter the concern was manageable but long term solutions need to be figured out.

Mason/Motz:

The community center room at Mason-Motz is getting a lot of use by citizens. As part of the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, the construction company that worked on Mason-Motz previously is prepping a bid for creating a kitchen off the conference room for senior use, as well as cooking demonstrations and classes.

Pet Forum:

The community pet forum sponsored by LMAC and PACPAC had a good turnout. LMAC has compiled a matrix charting possible rules that could be applied to the town's individual parks and open spaces. PACPAC and LMAC members have been asked to respond, and then a sub-committee will meet to address the responses and propose possible amendments to the current rules. Issues the sub-committee will consider are the need for enforcement of the current and/or amended rules, changes to signage, advancement of an official protocol to be followed in the event of issues involving pets at parks or open spaces, future patrol of trails by law enforcement/rangers, enactment of an expanded leash law to be in effect within 300 feet of any parking lot or trailhead, and the possibility of adopting different rules for different parks and open spaces. The LMAC/PACPAC subcommittee will meet on February 25. Lucky D'Ascanio and Andrea Mittleider will attend on behalf of PACPAC.

Old Business/New Business:

None.

Next Meeting:

March 15, 2016