

Parks and Community Programs Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

4-26-2017 (meeting was postponed due to no quorum)

4:00 pm

Mason-Motz Activity Center

Meeting Called By: Karen Jones

Note Taker: Melanie Collins

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

Parks Division Report:

The crew has been busy preparing mowing equipment for the upcoming summer season. They are anticipating the return of three veteran summer staff and have one position open.

Opening Day for Falmouth Little League is set for April 29. FLL painted the “snack shack” during their field day. Hopefully the weather will turn as it has been too wet for much mowing and too cold for growing.

FCP Report:

The Open House for the Presumpscot Room Senior Center will be held on Saturday, April 29. The new Senior Services Coordinator, Kim Doyon, will be there as well as Parks & Community Program staff. Kim Doyon officially starts her position on May 15th and will be working approximately 20 hours per week. This is a new position created through the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee and the duties of the position will include researching a volunteer ride program for Seniors in the community, creating a clearinghouse for seniors, assisting with programming for Seniors utilizing the new Presumpscot Room Senior Center, etc. Kim has much experience working with Seniors having worked at The Cedars as an enrichment coordinator for over 13 years. Both Kim and Denise Macaronas (Senior Program Coordinator) will work together to increase offerings and services for Seniors in the community.

FCP held Vacation Camps during February and April Vacation with over 36 participants each week. The Before the Bell/After the Bell program has really increased the programming numbers. Participants in the camps enjoyed daily outings such as movies, playground visits, bowling, and roller skating.

Registrations are coming in fast and furious for our Summer programming for both Youth and Adults. There are over 28 people registered for the upcoming Ireland trip and the office has been fielding many calls related to the Tercentennial Trip – Falmouth, ME to Falmouth, UK to be held April 23-May 1 of 2018 as part of the Tercentennial celebration. This information will be located on the Falmouth300 webpage www.falmouth300.org as well as the FCP site.

Residents will begin to see the Falmouth300 logo appear throughout town. FP&CP will be sporting the logo on their staff shirts as well as camp shirts and other programming such as soccer, basketball, etc. All town letterhead will be converted through the 2018 Tercentennial year. Department vehicles will be sporting window decals as well.

Old Business/New Business:

Greening of Falmouth 2.0 – No report but anticipate a report at our May meeting

Pet Ordinance Update: The proposed ordinance changes have gone through the Council Ordinance Committee and recently through a Council Public Hearing. Approximately 8 people attended the Public Hearing and only one person spoke questioning why River Point will ban dogs. After the hearing, Lucky was asked by the Council to answer and it was explained that River Point is the most wildlife sensitive property in town where the BioDiversity Research Institute conducts bird banding and other research with regard to Monarch Butterflies, etc. The proposed ordinances will be voted on by the council at their May 8th meeting.

Town Green OV Improvements: Lucky reported that Theo Holtwijk is the staff leading the Town Green improvements and is soliciting input from the Conservation Commission, PACPAC and the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee with regard to the design. He will then bring any comments back to the OV landscape architect for further review. The design will include a walking loop, wood and stone benches, berms of native plants and walkways to the Mason-Motz front door as well as the door to the Presumpscot Room new door. The plan will be outlined in detail at our next meeting.

Next Meeting:

May 16, 2017