# Parks and Community Programs Advisory Committee Minutes, 01/16/18, 4 pm Mason-Motz Activity Center – Presumpscot Room

**Meeting called by**: Janet Dye **Note Taker**: Melanie Collins

Attendees: Lucky D'Ascanio, Melanie Collins, Andrea Mittleider, Joel Glass, Janet Dye

### Secretary's Report:

Motion to approve to accept September 2017 and October 2017 meeting minutes with corrections of "saw whet" to "sawwhet" owls.

#### Welcome:

Welcome Joel Glass as new committee member on PACPAC coming from the now sun-setted Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, Falmouth 300 Committee and Senior Citizens Stakeholders group. Also joining PACPAC will be Ian Duggan who was unable to attend today.

Joel reports that Senior Citizen Stakeholders are interested in organizing a ride service. Kim Doyon has met with community churches of various parishes to see if a partnership volunteer network to drive can be established for Falmouth seniors. The Town cannot act as a "livery" due to insurance limitations. The Stakeholder Group is brainstorming different solutions to address the need for rides for seniors to get to medical appointments, grocery shopping, etc. Joel also shared information of interest in the Town's Channel 2. The current mission is to cover council and town meetings and for use as a community bulletin board. The Senior Citizens Stakeholder group has invited Mike McDade and Amy Lamontagne to meet and discuss the Public TV Act and use of Channel 2 in the local community.

#### **Parks Division Report:**

- Busy season for snow removal! Focus snow removal efforts on Police & Fire stations,
  Town Hall, Legion parking area, Library with parks being secondary. Parks Division had
  to replace the sander for the 1-ton pickup truck. As well as snow removal, Parks Division
  is working on repairs of mowers and snowblowers on tractors.
- Ice on Huston Ice Rink is good with pick-up hockey in full swing. The rink was in operation in late December for the first time in many years with the extreme cold.
- Village Park will see return of Farmers Market this Spring/Summer.

#### **Community Programs Report:**

- The thinner paper cover on program brochure will save printing costs for the FCP seasonal brochure.
- Falmouth ME to Falmouth UK trip has 20 signed up to this point. People have until January 30, 2018 to sign up for the program.
- There are waitlists for most of the Spring programs.
- The Inaugural Tercentennial Lecture by Richard Blanco, Maines Poet Laureate is sold out!

- There is an upcoming Energy Fair on Saturday, 1/27/18. Falmouth 300 has partnered
  with the Land Trust to do a naturalist series to include a new series, SOAR; Senior
  Outdoor Adventures in Recreation.
- The Falmouth 300 Committee is mailing a year-long brochure to community members with series and events connected to Falmouth 300.

## New/Old Business:

Lucky handed out the Spring FCP Brochure and the PACPAC Work Plan for 2018. Members will reviewed and discussed the Work Plan at the next meeting. Lucky also plans to have ideas for playground additions/enhancements at Underwood School Park for review at the February meeting.

## **Next Meeting:**

February 27, 2018 at 4pm, Mason-Motz Activity Center – Presumpscot Room