

Joel Glass, Janet Dye, Karen Jones, Andrea Mittleider, Sally Bitan, Jeff Mason (Parks Supervisor), Amy Kuhn, Heidi Hugo (Administrative Assistant), Melanie Collins
Meeting called to order by Karen Jones
4:00 1/15/19

Review of minutes:
August meeting minutes approved
September meeting minutes approved

On review of the minutes, Sally noticed that the town would be acquiring several new trucks. She requested that hybrid or electric vehicles be considered. Unfortunately, they are not currently available in the market.

Kate Harris is in New York, so the Staff Spotlight will be carried over until next month

Parks Division Report presented by Jeff Mason:

Seasonal activities were cut short by the early winter—they had to change the equipment over early. The crew plowed several times in November. Only two of the five cemeteries were raked, so they will need additional care in the spring.

The benches for the Town Green and other locations were delivered and will be installed in the spring.

Ice arrived early with the cold weather, so skating at Huston Park skating rink has been in full swing.

The tree lighting was a great success. The Very Merry weekend also went well.

The final Tercentennial celebrations were also well received. The Falmouth 300 sent out a survey to collect opinions on events. It was suggested that PACPAC ask for a copy of the survey results to see if we want to incorporate any of those activities into our offerings.

Kim Doyon, Senior Services Coord., has developed a Resource Guide for Falmouth Senior Citizens and it will be distributed in a small booklet. The final product will be available later this spring.

FCP Report provided by Heidi Hugo:

The Winter/Spring brochure went out in mid-December. Most programs are booked. Popular offerings in the fall included youth sports, after school enrichment, senior outings, Presumpscot Room activities, Pickleball, and Clutter Club, to name just a few. We even hosted a pot-luck mini-Thanksgiving with our Senior Cribbage folks in November. New vacation week camps are very popular, as are early release day roller skating activities and nature exploration outings co-

sponsored with the Falmouth Land Trust. Musical theater is still very popular, and the preschool dance is great fun to watch.

The learn to ski program is starting this week—two buses of middle school and one of elementary school are all full. All participants have completed their orientations and are ready to ski.

Nordic skiing started Monday on groomed trails behind the schools. There is not enough snow yet to groom the Community Park trails.

The garden club is meeting in the Presumpscot Room on a monthly basis.

The library will be moving in to two rooms for circulation at the end of March during their construction. They are also using one other room for some storage. Most of the staff will be based at town hall.

Lucky has been working on the Native Species Garden with Susan Gilpin, a resident who is preparing for her Master Gardener certification and who is also a member of the Conservation Commission, to create some signage and a kiosk for the plantings on the Town Green behind Mason-Motz and Plummer buildings for Spring. We are also working with the Maine Audubon with regard to programming Native Species walks through the gardens to be scheduled this spring and summer. We would like to designate it as a “300th Legacy Native Species Garden” and are working with Erin Cadigan to make this happen.

Lucky is absent because she is in a budget meeting that is running late. The budgeting update will be postponed until next month.

Next meeting will be February 12 at 4:00 (earlier than normal because of school vacation)