

Present:

Lucky D'Ascanio

Karen Jones

John Lane

Janet Dye

Melissa Price

Melanie Collins

Janice DeLima (Town Council)

Absent:

PACPAC has two vacancies.

- Lucky stated that we're going to forgo the staff member spotlight because of the Zoom meeting format. Will resume when we can meet again in person.
- It was noted that the committee now has 2 vacancies. Joel Glass submitted his resignation citing too much going on now with the COVID situation.
- Parks Update
 - Parks has been busy during the pandemic putting up signs, closing trail heads, borrowing barricades from Public Works, etc.
 - Park seasonal staff has not been hired on yet due to hiring freeze. Lucky is hopeful that we can bring those employees back on July 1 (new fiscal year).
 - Brown Tail Moths have been spotted in Community Park. This is the first time they've been seen that far west in town. It appears that the caterpillars are unhealthy, which is good. It's too late in the year to spray now, but spraying will be done in the spring if warranted. Staff will keep a close eye on affected area in the winter to see if nests are present.
 - Bucknam tennis courts have been closed, due to both the parking lot's proximity to the central fire station, but also because the money to resurface the courts was pulled from the budget. After feedback from the community, one court will remain closed (with the net removed), but the other will be open soon.
 - The park staff has been asked to pick up trash at the temporary park and ride behind the West Falmouth Shopping Plaza, at the request of the shopping plaza's owners.
- Rec Update
 - 2 part-time staff have been furloughed. Both staff members usually worked with senior citizens. Lucky is hoping that they can come back in July to help with fall programming.
 - Matt Gilbert has assigned to be on the schools' re-entry committee and Community Programs is ready to modify the Before/After Care program as necessary.
 - Staff has been busy contacting senior citizens in the community, even doing some shopping for at-risk members of that community.
 - Karen suggests that we publicize these efforts.
 - Gap camp has started at Mason Motz. Parents are very happy.
 - EMS has sent a person to act as a health director for the camps this summer. This person is educating the kids and staff on social distancing, mask use, and other covid prevention measures.
 - Recent guidelines from the state now allow playground equipment use.
- Next meeting: August 18, 2020 (tentatively scheduled for a ZOOM meeting)