

# **West Stockbridge Parks & Recreation Committee**

**Minutes for Meeting on:**

**1/6/2020 - 5:30PM**

**21 State Line Road, West Stockbridge, MA**

Attendance: JP Boscrino (JP), Nora Calautti (NC), Caitlin Graham (CG), Joe Roy (JR), Curt Wilton (CW)

- 5:30PM Meeting in session
- Each member introduces one another to each other.
- JR volunteered to be Clerk for P&R and take and post minutes for meetings.
- JR asks CW how P&R will function now that it is under the Public Works umbrella.
- CW says that P&R will gather ideas and information about the parks of the town. We will come up with ideas and plans on how to make these areas and events function and perform better. P&R will also always need to hire a lifeguard for card pond and organize many events. Public Works will do most of the actual labor.
- CW handed out P&R Budget Report for 7/1/19 to 12/31/19. P&R has a remaining budget of \$8072.80.
- CW brought up the initial idea of redoing town hall playground. All members agreed this is a top priority.
  - CG did an evaluation on the playground a few years ago when she was a member of P&R and found out that many of the wood structures are not in compliance and in disrepair. The large circular slide is also tipping to one side. Many parts of the playground are unsafe.
  - All members agreed that the initial goal will be to remove all damaged and broken playground equipment ASAP. Then we make plans for a new playground. CG asked to be able to take before and after pictures in order to document the work progress and post on the West Stockbridge Facebook page.
- CG mentioned that the West Stockbridge Congregational Church will no longer be in charge of the West Stockbridge Sparkles event and the duties of planning that event will now fall to P&R. She asked CW if there should be a special budget just for events such as this.
- CW agreed and suggests that when a budget is planned that an "Events" line item be added to the budget.

- CW said that he would research old invoices from previous P&R committees for costs on events.
- CG suggested that West Stockbridge Sparkles event be moved to Town Hall area and that a large pine tree be planted in the grounds somewhere for an annual tree lighting. All members agreed that it was a great idea.
- JR asked when P&R would like to meet. All members agreed that we would meet on the first Monday of each month at the Town Hall at 5:30 PM.
- JR asked if anyone had any idea about the information on the P&R page on the Town Website (phone number, PO Box, etc). Nobody knew and JR agreed to look into that information.
- JR & CG set up a gmail account for P&R that will be accessible by all members. The email address is [weststockbridgeparks@gmail.com](mailto:weststockbridgeparks@gmail.com)
- JR suggested that we make a post in the Local Yokel about letting the town know that P&R is up and running again and give them the new email address so people can contact the committee. All members agreed.
- Card Pond discussion:
  - CW suggested that we look into alternative geese prevention ideas and would like to spend efforts on reseeding and cleaning up the grounds. He also wondered if there were any special by-laws for the pond.
  - NC suggested that the sand and grounds get a good refurbishing.
  - JP suggested that we look into improving the water/swimming quality.
- All members discussed what would be on the following meeting's agenda.
- 6:45PM Adjourn.