TOWN OF WASHINGTON

PARKS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Meeting February 27, 2023 @ 6 PM

Attendance: Dominic Sinopoli, Jodi Hostetter, Chet Thomas

1. Park Reopening
   1. Commission decided a tentative opening date of May 27th and to schedule a volunteer day for a park project 5/27/2023 from 10 – 1 pm.
      1. Need to confirm the date does not conflict with any other town event or cleanup project
      2. Once confirmed will send letter to Sheriffs Department to see if we can obtain assistance in the cleanup efforts.
         1. Jodi recommended providing the cleanup crew lunch and gift card if able to assist.
2. Park Trash Barrels
   1. Park Commission was notified of household trash being dumped in town park trash barrels. Select board asked the Park Commission to come up with solutions to this problem and a strategy for emptying of barrels during the open park season. During winter months the Highway Dept will empty to the trash barrels.
   2. Spoke with Tom from the Highway Dept and he advised that smaller trash barrels that could be easily moved would be helpful. He indicated that the summer help who mows could assist in clearing the trash if they were easily moved and included trash bags.
   3. Park Commission voted to use funds from the park budget to purchase new trash barrels for the park. It was agreed four smaller covered trash barrels with the ability to insert contractor trash bags would be appropriate.
   4. Informed Select board of the Park Commission discussion.
3. Park Equipment – Donation Usage Discussion
   1. Obtained quotes for adding a new piece of playground equipment.
   2. Due to the expense of the equipment, park commission discussed and agreed that better use of the funds would be purchasing new playground mulch for the park. The idea would be to mulch around all existing equipment for safety measures. Some equipment has no mulch at all including the slides and swings. It was discussed using the park cleanup day to add landscape fabric around the unprotected equipment and add the playground mulch.
   3. Obtaining formal quotes for playground mulch.
4. Other Business
   1. Jodi informed the Park Commission that the summer music did receive a grant from the Town of Washington but we have not heard about the other grants.
   2. Jodi informed the Park Commission that she saw someone had replaced the American Flag at the park and also added another unidentified flag below it. Dominic agreed to discuss with the Select Board.