TOWN OF WASHINGTON

PARKS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Meeting September 26th @ 6 PM

Attendance: Dominic Sinopoli, Ed Neumuth, Chet Thomas, Mark Roos

1. Park Opening & Clean up
   1. Tentatively scheduled for 05/27/2023 from 11 am – 3 pm
   2. Intend to order playground mulch and use the event volunteer efforts to apply the playground mulch to the playground equipment.
   3. Requesting Jodi obtain a final quote using measurements provided by Chet Thomas and if within donation budget to order the mulch for delivery prior to the event on 5/27/2023.
   4. Event to be advertised in the April and May Washington Tracks in hopes of getting more volunteer efforts.
2. Review of Park Use Application
   1. Application submitted by Laurel Lenski for a Movement Meditation Series on Saturday May 6th and Saturday May 23rd from 10 am – 10:45 am.
   2. Application reviewed along with submitted certificate of insurance and advertisement about the event
   3. Park Commission unanimously approved the event and waived event fees due to Laurel Lenski’s volunteer efforts with the park.
   4. Approved application to be submitted to Selectboard via email for review and final approvals.
3. Maintenance/Improvements
   1. Ed Neumuth will research the cost of 4 new trash barrels to replace existing park trash barrels.
   2. Dominic will be purchasing two new Doggie Bag signs.
   3. Mark Roos working on a plan to prevent swallow birds nests in the gazebo at the town park. Work should be done prior to May 1st to ensure no birds begin nesting.
   4. Discussed need to assess repairs/replacement of footbridges in the park.
      1. To require review with the Conservation Commission and further discussion with Selectboard and Highway Department.
4. Other Business
   1. Ed Neumuth presented the idea of hosting a local police/fire department event including possible events such as tug-of-war between different departments and a barbeque community event. Idea is to get more community involvement and could be potentially used as a fundraising event for departments and park.
   2. Dominic will be drafting a letter to Sheriff Bowler congratulating him on his re-election and will request assistance in next years park cleanup.
   3. Park Commission will be inviting Tom Johnson from the Highway Department to an upcoming meeting to discuss park.
5. NEXT MEETING Monday, April 10th @ 6 PM at the Town Park (weather permitting)