

Camden Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

April 11, 2012

5:15 pm, Washington Street Conference Room

Present: Jeff Kuller, Brian Robinson, Ray Andresen (chair), Beth Ward, David Olivas, Jim Heard (Select Board liaison), and Ed Libby. Excused: Peter Brown, Sharon Gilbert and Pete Conover

Guests: Geoff Scott

Ray opened the meeting at 5:20pm.

Ed motioned to accept March 21, 2012 meeting minutes as presented, Brian seconded the motion, it passed 3-0-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

US National Toboggan Championships®: Ray reported that the committee has another strategic planning session scheduled for Wednesday, April 25th. The committee has decided not to make any large changes to the event.

RMRA Redevelopment: Jeff reported that the redevelopment committee has met and support going with the plan for a new septic design instead of a quick fix. The committee will be looking for a new chair to the building sub-committee.

Pathways: Geoff Scott reported on the extension to shirttail planning is continuing. Pathways feedback for the shirttail point park is to keep is small and intimate and they disagreed with the possibility of lights in the park. The Camden Budget committee approved to put aside reserve funds (\$10,000) for potential capital improvements for pedestrians in the future.

Financial Reports:

Snow Bowl Finances: Jeff projected the Snow Bowl will have an operating loss between a \$50,000 and \$75,000. There is at least a \$100,000 fund balance from previous year surpluses to offset this, so there will be no impact to tax payers from this warm winter. The budget committee approved Snow Bowl budget Less than asked for (\$47,000 asked for and \$20,000 was agreed to). Jeff reported those funds were for a new groomer lease agreement.

Parks and Recreation Budget: Jeff also reported that holding summer rec camp for 5 days a week instead of the 4 day a week program will be a \$7,500 financial impact that wasn't budgeted. The committee still supports this change and suggests a possible cap to save money or raise the cost in the future.

Upcoming Projects:

Improving the drainage at the Snow Bowl access road and the access road to Hosmer Pond.

Re-roofing the Public Landing bathrooms.

Adding a culvert to the upper part of the Nordic trail.

OTHER BUSINESS:

P & R Property Brochure: Ed Libby reported that the budget committee approved \$3,000 to fund the property brochure. Ed will report more at the next meeting.

Shirttail Point: Ray reported that the site visit happened on Wednesday, March 28th. The next step, Ray will work on organizing a community meeting with the P & R committee to prioritize potential projects.

Playing Field Plan: Beth reported that the user groups have been notified that parks and recreation may close the field more often this season to rest the field. John Novak will be helping Parks and Rec again this year and he has identified a new organic application that may save money.

Downtown Master Plan: Jim reported that there will be an informational presentation at the April 17th select board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Upcoming Events: Nothing to report

David motioned to adjourn at 6:20pm, Ed 2nd all in favor 4-0.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 9th, 2012 at 5:15pm in the WSCR

Minutes recorded by Beth Ward