

Camden Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2013
5:15 pm, Washington Street Conference Room

Present: Ray Andresen (chair), Pete Brown, Casey Heard, Jim Heard, Ed Libby, David Olivas, Brian Robinson, Beth Ward. Excused: Pete Conover.

Ray Andresen opened the meeting at 5:16 pm.

Minutes: Ed Libby moved that the August 14 minutes be approved, Pete Brown seconded the motion, and it passed 5-0.

Parks and Recreation Director: Landon Fake has been selected as the new Parks and Recreation Director and will officially begin working on Oct. 15. He is scheduled to attend our next Committee meeting on Oct. 9. Brian Robinson, who was on the selection committee, reviewed some of his credentials for the Committee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ragged Mountain Redevelopment: Beth Ward reported that there will be a warrant item on the ballot in November to approve the \$2 million bond for the redevelopment project. She also reported that the fund-raising effort has reached \$4.1 million and that there will be a major fundraising party at the Waterfront Restaurant on Oct. 9. Ray will invite Rick Knowlton to the October meeting for an update on RMRA plans in advance of the November vote.

National Toboggan Championships: There will be a meeting on Sept. 25. More volunteers and committee members are needed.

Pathways: The Maine Conservation Corps will be working on the Tannery Trail in October. Volunteers are needed for some trail clearing and other prep work before the MCC arrives. Pete Brown mentioned again that the public sidewalks on High Street are being obstructed by mailboxes.

Public Landing/Riverwalk: T.Y. Lin will give a final preview of its proposals on Sept. 16 at the Middle School, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Snow Bowl Budget: Beth reported that the sale of "early bird" season ski passes was awesome, the best in years, bringing in \$190,000 — or \$70,000 over budget. She added that there are no major unexpected expenditures except for an issue with the pump house.

OLD BUSINESS

Sports Field: Beth reported that Five Town Football is using the field for only three games, which is helping to keep the field in good shape. She is still working on a proposal for a schedule of usage fees for the field.

Smoke-Free Policy: Beth reported that new signs proclaiming smoke-free zones at all Camden parks, including Harbor Park and the Public Landing, have been installed.

ACE: Ray suggested that we delay meeting with a representative from ACE until November. He will check with Brian Hodges to set this up.

Senior Programs: Pete Brown mentioned that the Belfast YMCA runs 30-plus programs for seniors and suggested that Camden Parks and Recreation could adopt some of those ideas. The Congregational Church, Spectrum, Quarry Hill and other groups also conduct senior-oriented programs.

NEW BUSINESS

Upcoming Events: The Pancake Breakfast fundraisers will be held at 8:00 a.m. every Sunday in October.

Ed Libby moved the meeting be adjourned, David Olivas seconded the motion, and it passed 5-0 at 6:00 p.m.

Shirrtail Point: The Committee conducted a site visit to Shirrtail Point Park following arjourment.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, OCT. 9, 2013 at 5:15pm in the WSCR.

Minutes recorded by Ray Andresen