

## **Holliston Parks Commission**

**Wednesday April 12, 2017**

**In Attendance: Art Winters, Tom Chipman, Melissa Kaspern, Paul Healy, Bob Nemet and Kristen Hedrick**

Minutes: January 11<sup>th</sup> Minutes: Ms. Kaspern makes a motion to approve the January 11<sup>th</sup> minutes. Mr. Chipman seconds. All in Favor, Mr. Winters abstains.

February 8, 2017-Ms. Kaspern made a motion to approve the minutes of February 8<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Winters seconds, All in Favor.

February 28, 2017- Mr. Chipman made a motion to accept the minutes of February 28<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Healy seconds. All in Favor. Ms. Kaspern abstains.

### **1750 Update**

The elevator arrived April 9<sup>th</sup> and is being installed. Ms. Hedrick has been emailing Mr. Ritter, Mr. Clinton about specs for the handicapped bathroom that needs to be installed and the second vestibule. Mr. Ritter said he would now follow up every day with Mr. Clinton about these projects.

Ms. Hedrick and the department have started the hiring process for the summer staff. There are a lot of qualified candidates for the summer positions.

The Lions have donated \$500 to the summer concert series. The Newcomers have donated \$3,000 towards the summer concert series.

The Brochures have been printed and Ms. Hedrick decided that for the first time in many years they would be printing the brochures in house and mailing them out to the entire town. The hope is to get new patrons to the spring and summer programs. New families in town don't always know where to look for programming for their kids.

Cameras will be installed at Goodwill Park due to the vandalism that has been happening in the area. Mr. Chipman will be installing the cameras for the town at no cost.

A National Honor Society Project came forward. They want to put a Bubble Cabinet at the Goodwill Park Playground. It would be a small cabinet filled with bubbles and bubble wands for the kids to use at the playground. They would supply and stock the bubbles for the cabinet. Ms. Daniels was concerned that there might be vandalism and bubbles and all the pieces would end up everywhere. She was also concerned about the lawn mowers mowing over all those pieces. Mr. Healy asked about the bubbles getting in the sand box in the playground. Ms. Kaspern asked who might continue with the supplies after this person graduates from the High School. After much discussion it was decided that the Bubble Box would not be a good idea at the Goodwill playground or any of the playgrounds.

Ms. Hedrick ordered large red No Dogs signs to be posted at the fields for patrons to see when they walk into the parks and fields. There has been a rise in complaints of people who bring dogs to the fields and are either letting them run loose or not picking up after their dogs.

Mr. Winters made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Kaspern seconded. ALL IN FAVOR.