

Holliston Parks Commission
Wednesday December 1, 2021 7:00 PM
IN PERSON/REMOTE PARTICIPATION

Attendees: Shaw Lively, Steve Bigelow, Richard Morse, Melissa Kaspern, Mark Frank, Shannon Cornwell, Bob Nemet, Dan Alfred, James Keast, Mark Whittaker, Andrew McWilliams, Brian McDonald

Discussion with Fincom Representative Dan Alfred

Parks Financial Structure

DPW Reorganization as related to Parks and Recreation

Eagle Scout Boat Storage Project Discussion

Director's Report

- Winter Programming Update
- Project updates

Commissioner Updates

Discussion with Dan Alfred and Mark Whittaker (Park Commission's Financial Committee Liaisons)

Mr. Frank gave us a review of the revolving account's 3 year average (2017-2019). The group discussed how the department would contribute to the cost of the new proposed FTEs being added to DPW to bring field/grounds maintenance inhouse. Increasing labor costs and increased services can lead to an increase in the cost of programming. Further discussion is needed and related meetings continue.

Andrew McWilliams - Eagle Scout Presentation

Mr. McWilliams presented his proposed Eagle Scout project for recreational boat storage at Pleasure Point. The commission would like to move forward with the project, pending a financial plan, conversations with the building department and the placement of the structures. Mr. McWilliams will return at the next meeting with these updates.

Director Report

Indoor programming remains lower than in past years. Once we can guarantee bus service, we hope there will be an increase in registration.

Mr. Frank and Mr. Keast will be reviewing bids for the Goodwill Park project on Friday December 3, 2021. Fifteen inquiries were received so far.

The Holliston High School baseball field project is behind the original plan. Mr. Frank is meeting with Robert Walker, from HDPW, to discuss the expectation of being able to open the fields. Due to the schedule, the project is slated for March/April so the work can be completed and opened as one project.

The next meeting will be January 12, 2021.

Mr. Bigelow made a motion to adjourn, M.s. Kaspern seconded. All in favor, motion passes.