

Holliston Parks Commission
Wednesday October 9, 2013
7 pm

In Attendance: Inge Daniels, Melissa Kaspern, Art Winters, Paul Healy, Tom Chipman(enters at 7:25), Kristen Hedrick, Bob Nemet, Chuck Katuska-Conservation Agent, Shaw Lively-Conservation Commission, Allen Ruben- Conservation Commission, Janice Miller Lake Winthrop Watershed, Martin Sawzin-Lake Winthrop Watershed

Conservation Commission & Lake Winthrop

The Conservation Commission came in to discuss The Lake Winthrop Management Plan. There has been much deliberation on which group Lake Winthrop belongs to. What has come to light recently is that the State technically owns Lake Winthrop, but the Holliston Parks Commission should be the one to maintain it. There has not been much maintenance or up keep regarding the weeds of the lake, and at this time Lake Winthrop has hit a critical point where the lake is covered with 75% weeds. In the early eighties and nineties there was a management plan in place that was supported by the Parks Commission and implemented by Carol Hildrith of the Lake Winthrop Watershed Association. Since Carol has left the Lake Winthrop Watershed Association in 2003 not much has been done. Attempts have been made to contact Ms. Hildrith to retrieve the history and paperwork of the plans but there has been no response from her.

Shaw Lively discussed the various attempts in the past to help control the weeds, some have worked some have not, the Draw Down option of the lake worked well for a few years then they found an endangered mussels and the State would not allow the draw down anymore. Chemicals have been spread into the lake to kill the weeds but that resulted in contaminating the lake. The Conservation Commission is asking Parks to join up with them to put together a sub committee or an action committee to put a plan into place for the Lake Winthrop Management Process. The thought was for Park to have one or two members on the committee and Conservation have one or two members on the Committee and to get a few other interested stakeholders. Lake Winthrop Watershed Association would like to be a part of this process. The goal would be to have a plan in place for spring 2014 and approach the CPC to help fund the management plan.

Ms. Kaspern thanked everyone for coming and said that the Parks Commission would like to discuss their options and will have Ms. Hedrick follow up with Mr. Katuska.

The Parks Commission discussed the sub committee and thought it was a good idea and that they should be a part of it. Other names were thrown out there for possible members; Shirley Chipman, Lions Club member or a Historical member. **Ms Kaspern nominates Mr. Winters and Ms Daniels to the Lake Winthrop Management Plan Committee, Mr. Chipman seconds. ALL IN FAVOR.**

Heating System at Flagg

Mr. Chipman will be bringing a second heating person by on Friday so they can look at the project and get a second quote. The two quotes will need to be submitted to the Finance Committee on Tuesday Oct 15th for their review.

Directors Report

Community Center Update-The direction of the Community Center Task Force has changed. They give their report to the Selectmen on Wednesday Oct 16th and we will see where the Committee goes from there.

Directors Report-Attached are the spreadsheets and report.

Summer 2013 Wrap Up- Attached you will find multiple spreadsheets with the summer program numbers and Summer Waterfront numbers.

Overall the summer went well there were 1263 participants with 60 programs and 40 counselors, lifeguards, supervisors and sports staff. The Summer Net was \$73,187.08.

There are many changes that Ms. Hedrick would like to make for future programs which are listed in the attached report. Ms. Daniels wanted to put the report on the next meeting agenda so that the Commission could look over the information and talk more about it at the next meeting.

Sandbox at Goodwill

The sandbox at Goodwill is very used and loved by the kids but there is some concern with trying to keep the sand in the sandbox. The sand is on the brick walkway going all the way to the Mobil entrance and kids are sliding on it. After much discussion it was decided that a laminated sign stating "Please help keep sand in the sandbox" will be posted along with putting a broom by the fence.

Maureen Korson and Andrea Minihan are looking at the possibility of putting a dog park and trails in Holliston. The two locations they are looking at are the Marshal St Cap and the Land behind the VFW on Woodland St with about five acres of land. There is a grant they can be applied for that the Town only has to put up 10% of the total cost and the Grant would pay for the rest. Ms. Korson and Ms. Minihan would put together a request from the CPC for the 10 %. After the Park is built there will be costs associated with the upkeep and the Parks Commission will have to shoulder these costs. The Commission discussed and all thought it was a good idea. **Mr. Healy made a motion to support the exploration and building of a dog park in Holliston, Mr. Winters Seconds. ALL IN FAVOR.**

Fields

All is going well with fields. The fall fertilization application is being done Friday Oct 11th which is a school professional Day and no School.

Sport Court

The Hit board on the tennis courts is being installed and should be finished by next week. The crack filler is going to be done over 5-7 days, if there is bad weather then it will take a little longer. The fence will be put up in the next week and the Basketball hoops will be installed in the next week as well. The timeline looks like everything should be finished in about two weeks.

There have been mostly good reviews of the tennis courts so far, one bad review. You can see the seems of the court more on our courts than you can on the Dover courts. Also the ball bounces a little lower when it hits the seem. David from Beals and Thomas will be talking to Jim Arnold from Sport Court about the inconsistency and fixing it.

Once Around

Mr. Chipman mentioned that Joe Tiberio had passed away and that we should send something to the family. Mr. Tiberio donated \$6,000 towards the Goodwill Park Playground Project. Tom thought flowers then Ms. Daniels mentioned writing a letter instead to the family so they know how much that donation meant to the Town.

Meeting adjourn at 9:26. **ALL IN FAVOR**