



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

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Park and Recreation Commission

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Park and Recreation Meeting Minutes

December 9, 2020

6:30 pm

Remote Participation

Members in Attendance: Jeanne Reed-Waldron, David DeiDolori, Mike Massarelli and Cara Cartello

Members not in Attendance: John Whalley and Mike Sheil

Guests: Joe Deedy, Doug Moglin and Fred Gore

The meeting was opened by Commissioner Jeanne Reed-Waldron at 6:30 pm. The next meeting of the Park and Recreation is to be determined.

Public Comment

Joe Deedy with the Southwick Civic Fund and Fred Gore presented 360 view of the Southwick Rail Trail. They are asking Park & Recreation to accept and put on the web page. There is no cost to Park & Recreation and he will present to other towns. Fred spoke to Mayor Don Hummason from the City of Westfield and he would be interested. He also said Suffield has showed interest. The video starts North at Shaker Road. He can insert hot spots, which are businesses. The link can run on pc, tablet, phone, and laptop. He believes both Southwick will benefit from this including local businesses. Fred said it can be edited at any time. David asked who would be responsible for any changes that need to be made. Fred said he will maintain. David stated it should not P&R duty to contact businesses to be included on this. Joe said maybe the Civic Fund can put out a fundraiser at some point. The link will be on the P&R web site if approved. Fred is paying for the hosting.

Review Minutes and Bills

Bills were reviewed and approved. Minutes were reviewed and approved.

Rail Trail

David DeiDolori motioned to approve the link Fred Gore presented with a 360 view of the rail trail to be added to the Park & Recreation web page; Mike Massarelli seconded and the motion was approved. Pat Roche requested a blower attachment for the mower. Review model and R&R quote of \$539.10. Mike Massarelli motioned to approve the purchase of the blower attachment; David DeiDolori seconded and the motion was approved. Doug said the police will now patrol the rail trail from North to South as part of their routine from now on after a storm.

Whalley Park

The soccer nets are wearing out. A few have holes and were patched over the summer. Large nets cost \$210 each and the small nets cost \$160. We will need four of each. David said the team renting the field pays a substantial amount of money to use the fields and we should have them in good shape. Mike said if you break down the price per season it doesn't amount to a lot.

New Business

Budget review will be soon. The board will think of things we may want to include this year. Jeanne asked when the barriers for the park will be put out. Doug said with covid-19 he would hate to see the park closed since the rail trail is so well used the overflow goes to the park. Before the first predicted snow storm we will ask maintenance to put them out. P&R purchased filled stockings to give away with The Civic Fund's gift giveaway on December 12, 2020.

Meeting called to a close

8:01 pm David DeiDolori motioned to adjourn the meeting; Mike Massarelli seconded the motion. The meeting was called to a close.

Submitted by:_____