

Yarmouth Parks & Lands Committee

MEETING MINUTES – DRAFT

Date: August 8, 2018

Time: 6:03 – 7:46 pm

Monthly meeting

Community Room Town Hall

Chair: Jay Waterman

Committee members 2018:

Karen Massey (2018) (Excused)

Mary Webber (2018)

Lisa Small (2019)

Mary Thorp (2019)

Jay Waterman (2019)

Richard Brimberg (2020)

Vacancy (2020)

Notes taken by: Mary Webber

Town Council, Staff & Guests:

Karyn MacNeill, YCS Director

Tim Shannon, Council Liaison (Absent)

* Call to Order, 6:03 pm

1) As there were no guests, moved to agenda.

2) Minutes from June 27 meeting not available

3) Update on newly hired Park Specialist, Erik Donohoe

Jay reported on the interviews with Erik and one other candidate. Karyn detailed Erik's subsequent visits to several town park sites, meetings with Zac and crew, as well as other town officials Erik will work with.

Karyn also reported that Mike Caron is the new Assistant Director at YCS, while Bob Priest who worked at YCS several years ago, will return to take over Mike's program supervisor position. Erik will start work 8/29, and Bob on 8/28.

4) Village Run trail/path

Karyn concerned access may end up by Maine Preservation's land (Merry Chapin) while she hopes it'll be lower on West Main. Developer is willing to tackle this path, using a "desire walks" plan, making trails where people walk. Noted that there are four parallel parking spots at back corner of parcel D; also noted, pond is 10-12' deep.

Jay expressed concerns about side slope trail, possible erosion and any possible plans to stabilize. Karyn will ask Alex J. for clarification on how to approach paths, and Erik will be assigned to work on this.

5) Maggie May trail/path

Karyn shared that builder is laying out trails. Josh Royte and Sharon McHold checked what's been done. Richard questioned what the developer had been granted by the town considering the lack of public access to the open space which is owned by the homeowners' association. It was noted that in earlier discussions of this development, P&L committee declined involvement.

6) Village Green Park

Ford Reiche will be buying and restoring this parcel; Gorham Savings Bank is the announced tenant. Although somewhat restricted by Land and Water Commission, it is planned that the redesigned park will reflect its past openness.

7) Riverfront Woods

Karyn noted that Barker property easement must be done at same time as closing on this property. Nat has initiated process for an extension of the town's option.

Management Plan subcommittee will wait until we hear from Forest Bell re: trail designs. Richard volunteered to serve on this committee.

8) Open Space Task Force

Jay reported on the meeting he attended Monday. Group is focused on next steps, understanding the process for open space. Group needs to meet with, and involve, town Department heads. Erik will work with this group.

9) Brown Tail Moth/Caterpillar

Karyn detailed the effect this siege is having on all sections of town. Area town managers, including Nat, are moving toward asking the CDC to name the infestation a public health nuisance, which might allow currently banned treatments such as aerial spraying.

10) Vacant P&L

Four candidates have submitted papers to the appointments sub-committee of Town Council. Jay will contact Tim Shannon to see where this stands.

Brief discussion of CIP budget for '19-'20. Noted that current amount available is \$95,000 with \$20,000 dedicated to equipment maintenance.

11) Work Plan for Town Council

Done as directed by the Council, and we will use as guide for our priorities. Jay will check with Tim on this too, to see if it's been presented to the Council.

12) Motion to adjourn, Mary W., seconded by Mary T. Unanimous. Adjourned at 7:46.