

PARKS COMMISSIONERS
MASON LIBRARY MEETING ROOM
231 MAIN STREET
GREAT BARRINGTON, MA 01230
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2011
5:30 P.M.

PRESENT:

PAUL GIBBONS, CHAIRMAN

CHRISTINE WARD – NOT PRESENT

KAREN SMITH

STEVEN BANNON – NOT PRESENT

CHARLES BOUTEILLER

ELIZA CRESCENTINI

ALSO PRESENT: JOE SOKUL, DPW SUPERINTENDENT

The meeting of the Parks Commissioners was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A. Minutes of the January 10, 2011 meeting

MOTION: Ms. Smith to approve.

SECOND: Mr. Bouteiller

VOTE: 3-0

The Parks Commissioners welcomed new member Eliza Crescentini to the board.

2. **PARKS CARE AND MAINTENANCE:**

A. Updates from Joe Sokul – DPW Superintendent. Mr. Sokul advised that the DPW did work at Lake Mansfield for the Ice Fishing and Skating Party in conjunction with the 250th Anniversary events. Space was created for the food and the portal-lets. He noted that there is a tree in the area of the storage building that may have to come down. Mr. Sokul also advised that the Town has received two grants. One is a 604B grant in the amount of \$12,000 plus for engineering work to address the drainage coming down Knob Hill into the boat ramp area. The second is a 319 grant in the amount of \$300,000 plus to address Castle Hill Avenue drainage. An R.F.P. will have to be proposed to address the inlet at Lake Mansfield. The outlet pipe is shallow and small in diameter. He also advised the Lake was surveyed and the paper work has been completed. The Town now has ownership of the lake. There is a triangular piece by the boat ramp that still has ownership questions. The town will be moving forward in obtaining that as well. The Division of Fisheries and Wildlife will assist in revamping the ramp area.

Mr. Sokul said he has done some research on climbing rocks. Ms. Smith said she would gather more information on fiberglass rocks, shipping costs, etc. Mr. Sokul said he would contact other public works facilities to obtain information on what works. Mr. Gibbons said that all research should be done by the May meeting.

3. **NEW BUSINESS:**

Letters will be sent to the various leagues that use the parks to invite them to the March 14th meeting.

Ms. Crescentini and Ms. Ward were elected to write the Town Report for FY 2010.

Mr. Gibbons noted that he e-mailed the Town Manager in regard to the Parks Commissioners being unaware of the appointment of a new member to the board. He advised in the future he would like to be advised of any applicants. There is still a vacancy on the board.

The quorum for the Committee was changed.

MOTION: Ms. Smith to move up the quorum of the board to 4.

SECOND: Mr. Bouteiller

VOTE: 4-0

The Parks budget will be discussed at the February 22, 2011 Finance Committee/Board of Selectmen meeting at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Carolyn Wichmann
Secretary