

PARKS COMMISSIONERS
MASON LIBRARY
231 MAIN STREET
GREAT BARRINGTON, MA 01230
MONDAY, AUGUST 11, 2014
5:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

PAUL GIBBONS

CHARLES BOUTEILLER

THOMAS NORTON

STEPHEN BANNON

PATRICIA SALVI

KATHY PLUNGIS- Not Present

KAREN SMITH – Not Present

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A. Minutes of July 14, 2014 – Regular Meeting

MOTION: Stephen Bannon to approve

SECOND: Tom Norton

VOTE: 5-0

2. **PARKS CARE AND MAINTENANCE:**

A. Updates from Joe Sokul – DPW Superintendent – Joe did not attend the meeting as he was on vacation.

3. **PARKS USAGE REQUEST:**

A. None

4. **OLD BUSINESS:**

A. Commission Letters of Interest – Paul advised that there are two letters of interest received by the Select boards Office. An advertisement will go out in a few weeks.

Paul advised a letter has been sent by Kopelman and Paige to the vendor who cashed the \$5,000 check for mulch that was not his. The \$5,000 was returned to the Parks budget. He noted he will be able to pay for the equipment in Housatonic out of the FY14 funds.

Paul advised that he received an e-mail from the Mahaiwe in regard to using the Town Hall green approximately 3 days prior to their event. They were told it was too late and in the future they need to apply in a timelier manner.

The Purchase Order has been issued for 3 new fountains for Housatonic, the Skate Park and Grove Street Park. Laura noted the water fountain at Lake Mansfield is still broken. Paul advised he would check with Joe Sokul about the fountain.

MOTION: Stephen Bannon to pay for the repair of the fountain at Lake Mansfield as a result of the vandalism if the insurance did not cover it.

SECOND: Tom Norton

VOTE: 5-0

Laura said the 26th of August is the last full week of staffing at Lake Mansfield.

It was noted that No Parking signs have been ordered for Lake Mansfield.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Berkshire South Regional Community Center – Laura noted that there were 3 police visits at the skate park last month. She e-mailed Chief Walsh because of graffiti in the skate bowl. The new equipment at the playground in Housatonic is great. Laura advised she researched the maximum swimmers per lifeguard and noted she could find no rules pertaining to that. She said the lake averages about 50 people per hour. Laura was advised to e-mail Joe Sokul in regard to the graffiti and the water fountain at the skate park. Joe Sokul had advised he would send someone up to the Housatonic Playground to deal with the bees.

Paul said that Jennifer Tabakin is looking for volunteers to be at the Town booth for Summer Fest.

The next Parks Meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 15, 2014 at 5:00 p.m., Mason Library.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Carolyn Wichmann
Secretary