

Grantham Recreation Park Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 15th, 2011 – 6:00 p.m.
Grantham Town Building
Jerry Whitney Memorial Conference Room
300 Route 10 South

Meeting began at 6 p.m. and adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Attendees: Marsha Googins, Warren Kimball, Missy Walla, Rick Anderson

Approval of Minutes from August 18th

Correspondence: None

Old/Recurrent Business:

- Raffle: Missy has ordered raffle tickets and shared examples. Will order 1000 and will state that funds are to benefit a pavilion at the Rec. Park. A Raffle Committee has formed of Missy Walla, Marsha Googins and Rita Friedman. The hopes are to promote this raffle throughout town at different venues and serve as a 12 Days of Christmas theme. The Raffle committee will meet every two weeks to organize with the intent to begin sales by October 1 or mid October.
- Missy prompted discussion of Lake Sunapee Grant and Mascoma Savings Bank Grant opportunities.

New Business:

- Softball Tournament: Dave Armstrong shared that his tournament went well. Teams enjoyed field use and had fun in great weather. Dave maintained garbage and parking expectations. Left second Porta-potty until end of next game session. Tournament will finalize sometime in October. He did have a concern about 1st base dugout storage. Doors are not closing properly due to weatherization and may need to be planed down.
- Work day a possibility at the park with the Cardigan Mt. School crew via Len Angelli. Will hope to have them finish trim on dugouts and prep park for winter as needed. What a great support group!
- New Messaging Sign is up at the park. Soccer Schedule will be posted as well park use/restrictions.
- Geese are still a concern. Warren suggested the use of an alligator shaped of foam that is known to be affective. Will readdress in the spring as geese will migrate soon.
- Increased activity at the Rec. Park is to be considered as more spaces are used for soccer fields. Parking for playground continue to be an issue as people are driving onto outfield and around swale onto established soccer fields. Parking may need to be designated by ropes once more.
- Rick A. mentioned the need of a temporary split rail fence between white barn and messaging board and power pole to keep folks from accessing so close to ball field.
- Rick A. also talked about the Fertilizing that will need to be part of the field maintenance each year and who would oversee it. An organic weed killer should also be done by the end of September or early October. Dethatching and aeration should be done in the spring. A possibility is to have Glenn Carey follow through. Mowing will continue through October to accommodate soccer season.

Fall News at the Park:

- Soccer is in full swing, Approximately 150 players are registered from grades K-6 creating 9 teams.
- Build a Scarecrow will be held on Saturday September 18th, weather permitting.

Park Development:

- Permitting is almost final. Border issue for conservation property a concern but should be resolved soon.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Next meeting will be held on October 20th at 6 p.m. in the Jerry Whitney room, Grantham Town Hall.

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