



## TOWN OF HOPEDALE

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### Park Commission

Dan Iacovelli, Chair  
Bob Biagetti  
Rob Jackson

Meeting 18 September 2014  
Meeting started at 18:05

Meeting minutes from 8/21 approved unanimously

#### General Park Maintenance

- Soccer fields treated, chain link fence at Mellen field painted
- Park entrance gates need to be sanded and painted – 6 entrances in total. Some discussion over change of color to dark red, however, bright yellow makes the gate more visible
- New 'No Parking' signs have been acquired – need poles and concrete for solid installation. Will try to get done before winter.

#### Visit from Tree Warden

- Moving forward with decorative plantings near tennis courts in the park – flowering tree with some dwarf shrubs. Tree warden buys the plants, parks supplies labor and mulch (black mulch).
  - o Plantings will occur between now and November 15<sup>th</sup>, likely second or third weekend of October.
  - o Solicit volunteers from local scouts to help with plantings
- Invasive Plant Management Project – Early to mid November. Tree Warden will identify all plants to remove. Commission will solicit volunteers from local Scouts for this as well.
- Tree Warden has been receiving calls about trees in the parklands that need servicing. As the parklands belong to Parks Commission, the Tree Warden needs a written letter from the Chair of the Parks Commission for permission.
- Park entrance kiosks, 6 in total, have yet to be built. Chairman will reach out to Blackstone Valley Tech for volunteers to build the kiosks. Commission can transport the signs via trailer

#### Lighting Improvements

- Chairman to contact electrician to discuss replacing fuse box in the bathhouse and discuss cabling.
- Secretary to contact Solar City to discuss panels on the bathhouse
- Lighting improvements must become a priority due to vandalism and police concerns

#### Pond Cleanup

- Water quality testing happening on the 19<sup>th</sup> of September at three inlets to gauge the water quality coming into the pond. Allied Biological in Waltham performed weed treatments in the past – commission needs output of current testing to help identify necessary treatments
- Interest growing on Pond Cleanup Committee. Secretary to contact Steve Sette

- regarding if there is a minimum or maximum number of people required for the committee. Citizen present instantly volunteered to help with the committee.
- Secretary to contact Milford Daily News and WMRC about soliciting for volunteers.

#### Other Town Business

- Meeting to occur on Monday, 10 AM, at Town Hall, to discuss visitation for ADA compliance. Parks will likely be required to update bathrooms and other park facilities. Steve Sette coordinating. Chairman will reach out to Gerard (Tykie) Small to solicit advice regarding ADA compliance

Meeting Adjourned: 19:13