



TOWN OF HOPEDALE

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Park Commission

Dan Iacovelli, Chair
Bob Biagetti
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Called to order at 18:04 PM

Sports Facilities Discussions:

- Draper Field Lands owned by Rockwell, no plan for handing over to town. Field is currently unusable by the school.
- Draper Field landfill cap unusable - requires long term monitoring from DEP. No details currently available, but it is believed this would be a huge expense for the town. A new membrane to make the land usable would cost an estimated 600,000.
- Best options for revamped fields include Mellen Field and Harmony Lot 'A.' Currently Lot A is unusable due to rocks and piles of dirt.
- Jessica and Dennis will co-chair feasibility study - Jess will organize first meeting.
 - Looking for representation from youth groups
 - Recommended to have somebody from town finance on the committee

ACTIONS:

- 1.) Chairman to follow up with town coordinator to obtain the owner of the land fill, ball fields, and parking lot. Asking for a written report of who owns what and any associated timeframe/plan for the land
- 2.) Chairman to contact town administrator in order to identify a Rockwell contact.
- 3.) Chairman to determine if we can earmark capital expense for the feasibility study in preparation for the May town meeting.

Pond Cleanup:

- Looking to map and measure catch basins feeding into the pond to locate source of pollutants - quote from ESS for \$11,000 for the work
- Request was made to allocate less than \$1000 for a follow up water quality test at another location - voted and passed
- There is a 319 grant for the pond cleanup, with a deadline in May. We are going to try to make this deadline.

<http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/water/grants/watersheds-water-quality.html>

- Trying to get to Aquatic Control Technology - Keith Gazelle was identified as a contact. There is a possibility of doing a 'draw-down' to manage the plant growth, but we must look at permitting through Conservation Commission, Natural Heritage, DEP, etc.

ACTIONS:

- 1.) Chairman to determine if there is remaining funds from the original grant, and how much remains
- 2.) Secretary to follow up with department of fish and game regarding their water quality testing
- 3.) Secretary to contact Hopedale Conservation Commission to discuss options for a 'draw-down' to help manage the growth in the pond

Tennis Courts:

- There is a desire to get the tennis courts resurfaced, or at least get the big cracks fixed. Tennis courts were removed of clay and resurfaced years ago. We need to determine if a complete resurface or fixing the cracks would be better. This could be a safety issue on the courts.
- Treasurer locking down tennis courts with new locks
- Suggestion to look at price increase for the summer tennis lessons.

Miscellaneous:

- Boat house electrical system getting upgraded. Electrician working with National Grid to replace pole lights, however, the light on Lake St. is not usable.
- Tennis court lights are also getting fixed with new timers. The status of the playground light is unknown
- Some discussion over Skate Night on the pond. Response was mixed, but commission is still investigating
- Question and concern over trash cans left at boat house. Perhaps leftover from Oktoberfest?
- Notice of intent for town warrant could be coming quickly - need to assemble a list of capital expenses for the year

ACTIONS:

- 1.) Chairman to follow up with Fire Dept to measure ice periodically.
- 2.) Chairman to discuss with town attorney any liability issues around hosting a 'skate night'