



TOWN OF HOPEDALE

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Park Commission

Dan Iacovelli, Chair
Bob Biagetti
Rob Jackson

Called to order at 18:10

Minutes from December meeting were read and agreed upon in lieu of prior distribution.

Chairman did get confirmation that Rockwell owns the landfill near Draper Field, as well as the ball fields. Mr. Shwachman owns the parking lot. As both are currently private ownership, there are no solid plans of what will happen with either land.

With respect to funds available for the pond treatments, the current balance of grant funds is roughly \$27k. These funds can only be used for pond services. The total estimate for the storm drain mapping to be done by ESS is \$19,790, which will be covered by the available grant funds.

Chairman has been trying to reach Aquatic Control Technologies, without success. Working on additional contacts.

Skate night was discussed and has been eliminated as an option for the town due to liability concerns. We can't post ice measurement as well as that could be considered encouragement.

Tennis Program:

- Summer tennis dates and pricing were discussed, as well as the condition of the courts.
- Common belief that courts need more than patchwork...they need a real resurfacing
 - o Dave Guglielmi is picking up the procedure for resurfacing the tennis courts, as he has paperwork from when the clay was removed and gravel based court was installed.
 - o Vermont Tennis Surfaces did the work previously. Phone numbers from website are 1.800.237.6774 and 1.802.748.2257
- Pricing increase – kids lessons going to \$40, adults going to \$70. Intro to tennis is at \$10. Additional revenue will go to the court resurfacing
- Staff – all are coming back except for 2. Job openings will be posted at the high school, with Barry managing hiring
 - o Chairman to writeup the new hourly rate for tennis employees, which needs to increase due to minimum wage increases

Maple Sugaring Tour

- Citizen wants to orchestrate a walking tour of the parklands, discussing the trees and tapping. Desire is to setup a cooker at the boathouse
- Potential for pancake breakfast fundraiser to help with parks programs
- Chairman to get more information regarding intent and payment of boiler for sap

Meeting next Saturday with finance committee to discuss budget.

Meeting Adjourned 20:10