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Meeting Date: 4/30/2019
Meeting Location: Mendon Fire Station, 8 Morrison Dr., Mendon, MA
Minutes Approved: _12/17/2019_

Members Present: Tom Belland, Dan Byer, AJ Byrne

Members Absent:

Parks Director: Dan Byer

Others: Ed Cray (Nipmuc Youth Baseball), Trevor Calvey (Nipmuc Youth Softball)

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm with the 3 commissioners and Ed Cray (NYB) in attendance.

The commission discussed the damage to the Grant Field dugout. The third base dugout has collapsed and it appears the footings have been compromised due to frost. All discussed plans to replace them. Dan will reach out to the Building Inspector to set up a meeting to look at them. Tom and Ed will attend. All discussed a date to go inspect them. They also discussed demolition. Ed said baseball has demolished the fallen dugout but we need to get the debris out. They also may have someone to help with the 1st base demo. For now they have stabilized it and are not using it.

The group discussed the drainage system. There are some small issues with water pooling around Home Plate. Tom will check with Eric Peterson to see if he has any recommendations on installing surface drains.

Ed left the meeting and Tracy attended.

The commission met with Trevor Calvey from Nipmuc Youth Softball to discuss the proposed shed and outstanding field use fees. Tom explained the capital improvement program. The intent is to give credit for capital projects that improve our facilities for all and benefit the public. The waiver is also intended for the current year and not past use so work needs to be done in the current season or discussed upfront. Trevor explained the work that softball has done in the past few years along with an update on the shed. They are now having a shed delivered.

Tom made a motion to waive the 2018 fees for work done on the fields and the 2019 fees for the shed, AJ seconded, and all approved.

The commission discussed Mendon Upton Youth Soccer's 2018 Soccerfest event. All are concerned about the damage that occurred to the field. Soccer did repair the area but there are a few low spots still. They discussed alternative locations. All agree we would rather see this event on the Veteran's Field parking area or even Veteran's Field rather than the front fields.

The commission discussed the proposed 2019 date. Dan stated he is not available that day but doesn't have any issues. All agree the date is ok as long as we can work out a new location.

The commission discussed a new field use request from “One Night Ultimate” an Ultimate Frisbee team. They are looking for some practice space on Clough. They do not have insurance. Total use is around 25 hours and the league is all adults. The commission agreed to allow them to all sign an individual waiver in lieu of insurance.

The commission discussed the maintenance crew. Tom said Sean may have another job this summer. They discussed an application from Drew Nelson. AJ and Tom know him and said he would be a good candidate. Dan will set up an interview. **AJ made a motion to hire Drew Nelson at a rate of \$12 per hour pending a clear background check and successful interview with Dan, Tom seconded and all approved.**

The commission discussed the upcoming town meeting and proposed revolving account. Dan shared the draft language (**Exhibit A**). All are in favor of moving this forward. The new account will allow us greater flexibility in running the department. The Selectmen and Finance Committee are not in support. Dan suggested an amendment to the proposal to require Selectman approval of expenditures over \$10K. All agree this may be a fair compromise. They decided to go forward with the main article and offer up the spending cap if needed on the floor.

The commission discussed the tractor and trailer. Dan has found out we may not be able to lease from the revolving account due to finance rules. Dan has a price from Kubota but needs to find a 3rd vendor. We also need to get pricing on a new landscape trailer. The current trailer is nearing the end of its life. Tom suggested maybe looking into an enclosed trailer. Dan will get pricing.

The commission reviewed the plans for the Mendonfest event. Jon Dudley will send over a certificate of insurance for the Beer Garden and the main event. The commissioners are all in support of the event.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.