Meeting Minutes  
September 9, 2019

**Members:** Chairman Robert Hardy, Vice Chairman William Lawrence, Marina Sumner, Eleanor Giannini-Brittain and Ex-Officio from the selectmen Peter Fogg

**Members Present:** Chairman Bob Hardy, Marina Sumner, Bill Lawrence, Ellie Giannini-Brittain & Ex-Officio Peter Fogg

**Others Present:** Alternate Ex-Officio & Secretary Katherine Dawson, and Mike Petrun Director & Teacher at WRHS’s Agricultural Education Center

**Visitors:**

Call to Order 6:10 PM

Squires landscaping submitted a bill for the mowing in Vest Pocket Park and the Civil War Monument Park in August in the amount of $240.00. Peter made a motion to pay, Marina gave a second, all were in favor. Bob mentioned an email he received concerning the Squantum monument in Vest Pocket Park. A resident expressed his concern that the trees were hiding the statue. The Commissioners discussed trimming or removing the trees and decided to adjourn to the Park at the end of this meeting to visualize, discuss and decide a course of action.

Bob discussed the fliers he sent out and Mike suggested including the school on the emails. Bob will change the times for Knockerball as the Company claimed prior commitments and could not keep the prior commitment made to Tilton. He will retype the flier and send it out again.

Maintenance of the Riverfront Park was questioned, especially weeding. There are weeds in the Bear Berry along the Pavilion that are mature and have been growing all season. Katherine explained that the Public Works Director has been made aware of these concerns and said he will get right on it.

The Movie Night in the Park organizers need to come to a Parks meeting and discuss some of the issues that have come up this season especially where to place the grille in the Park and the deplorable condition the bathrooms were in after the movie. The Public Works Director needs to be notified to make a pad for grille use in the Park. The Commissioners plan to have him attend a meeting in the Fall and will discuss this with him at that time.

Katherine updated the Commissioners on the bathroom door lock. She and Tim Pearson spent over an hour setting the timer and discovered a mistake in the written instructions. The doors appeared to be locking and unlocking at the proper times. The Commissioners discussed putting a lock on the box to prevent well meaning people from adjusting the time. Katherine will get a lock from Billy to put on the box.

Bob will have a draft budget for the next meeting. Marina reported that several new businesses would like to participate in the Christmas Parade. A draft donation form developed by Ellie was presented for consideration and review. Marina was suggested as the contact person on the form and Ellie will make some adjustments to more personalize the form.
Bob asked about requesting an abatement from the Water District and the Tilton Sewer commission from the large bill generated last fall. Billy and Katherine will coordinate schedules to meet with the Water District and Katherine will copy and deliver the information she has compiled to Billy.

The Commissioners adjourned to Vest Pocket Park at 7:48pm. The meeting resumed at 8:00pm at Vest Pocket Park. Bob pointed out the two trees in question which have grown up into the utility wires above. As they walked through the Park invasive species overtaking the back rail and the fence along Park Street were observed. Bob asked Katherine to contact the prison to see if the crew could come out to remove them. After inspecting the two Linden trees the Commissioners decided to have them removed. Bob made a motion to have the trees removed after getting a least 3 bids and award it to the lowest bidder. Marina gave a second, all were in favor. Adjourned 8:30PM