Meeting Minutes
May 15, 2012

Members Present: Bob Hardy, Peter Fogg, Marina Sumner, Bill Lawrence, Katherine Dawson

Call to Order 6:00PM:
Bob pointed out that two lights along the northwest path were out, this happens every time we turn them on for the season. The bulbs are expensive and it may be time to investigate changing the lights over to LED. The timer for the lights should be set for 7:30PM to 10:30PM.

Peter has covered the rink liner to protect it from the elements especially the UV rays from the sun.

Bob presented J.P. Carter's bill for repairs in Riverfront Park caused by the Irrigation employees while they were installing the lines/they cut through and pulled up electrical lines from one of the lights and cut through the conduit for the sign at the entrance. It was agreed the Parks Commissioners will bill Something Like Rain for the repair work.

Bob opened the job applications, only two people submitted for the part time summer job. Discussion ensued about qualifications and availability. It was decided to offer the position to Joe Grey as he seemed to have Maintenance/Custodial experience and the other applicant did not. Peter made a motion to hire Joe Grey. Bill second All were in favor. Katherine will call Mr. Grey and ask him to attend the next Parks Commissioners meeting on Monday the 21st at 6:00PM at Riverfront Park.

The Commissioners walked through Riverfront Park inspecting the irrigation heads, and to check for any repairs needed, etc. Someone had carved a profanity into the doors of the kitchen area at the Pavilion. The railing around the western fishing pier is very loose with lag bolts missing, there is a lot of weeding to do, brush has been cut by the western fishing pier, birds have nested in the duct work for the bathroom fans, the railings for the stairs need to be scraped and painted, there are loose bricks, and other items.

Katherine will contact the Irrigation company and ask when the pump will be installed and when they will demonstrate the irrigation system?
The porta pottie bids are in. There are only two responses and are difficult to compare, Peter will put them in a format to make it easier to compare costs.

Bob asked if the Commissioners wanted to sell anything at the Park during the fireworks? Bob felt it would be less risky to sell beverages and popcorn rather than hot food items. The Commissioners agreed. Will discuss more at a later date.

There will be no vendors, other than food, allowed in the Park. Food vendors will have to be approved by the Commissioners. They will not be allowed to use gas grills, only electric appliances.

Katherine made a motion to sell beverages and popcorn at Riverfront Park during the fireworks. Marina second. All were in favor.

Bob asked if the Commissioners should try to do something with Summerfair this year. Bill felt it was too late that the Main Street organization usually spends six months planning Summerfair. The Commissioners felt unanimously that they should scrap it for this year and concentrate on the Christmas Parade. Bob asked if the Commissioners wanted to put a float in the Christmas Parade, unanimous no.

Bob gave a brief history on the mowing of the 132 Ball field and what took place at the Selectman’s meeting two weeks ago (May 2, 2012). The Commissioners budgeted $1600 for just the mowing of the 132 Ball field, Dolloff’s bid $2500 and Belknap’s bid was $1560.00. The Selectmen offered to have the Public Works Director mow the field for $2000. After some discussion the Commissioners agreed to explore leasing or buying a zero turn lawn mower for the Ball field and perhaps contacting Belknap to see if they would be interested in the maintenance of the Ballfield. The Winnisquam Football Team would like to maintain a log on the ballfield. Bob made a motion to allow the team to display a logo on the field in exchange for aerating the entire field, no just the football playing area, for the entire season and as long as they have the logo. Marina second. All were in favor.

As the result of a response from a parks survey, Bob suggested that we might have organized nature walks at Buffalo Park conducted by a naturalist from the state. Also, there was a request for an application to use Buffalo Park but were turned down because there isn't an application for Buffalo Park. The commissioners agreed there should be one for large organized groups who would have a significant impact and would possibly generate trash or damage. Bob reminded the Commissioners that we have yet to dedicate the tree to Vicy. Marina will get prices for a plaque and possible locations were discussed. Marina made a motion to go forward with a plaque. Bob second. All were in favor.

Motion to Adjourn: 8:30PM