

Playground and Recreation Meeting

Date December 13 , 2016

6:00pm

Hearing Room, Town Offices

140 Wood St. Somerset, MA

Meeting Minutes

- Call meeting to order. ó Meeting call to order at 6:02pm. Roll call was taken present Jimmy Pereira, Richard Silvia, Mary Ellen Aspden, Stephen Boland.
- Not present Ray Frizado
- Director Barry S. Fontaine was present
- Sign bills and warrant ó all bills and warrant signed

- Accept minutes from last meeting ó Stephen B. made a motion to accept the minutes from the November 9, 2016 meeting it was second by Jimmy P. a roll call vote was taken 4 in favor and 0 against.

NEW ITEMS

- Discussion with Somerset Baseball League request/projects ó Barry discussed the fence opening at South Complex, Senior Field. It will be done in the next few months weather permitting and it will be ready for spring. Jimmy P. questioned the street or road into the field. The town will be opening that area for emergency traffic only. (2) Jim Faria spoke on the Score boards at South Complex they need to be repaired and moved one to left center to fix that score board. Jimmy P. wanted it moved 20 feet to the left center area. Stephen B. made a motion to move the score board to left center Richie Silvia second the motion. Roll call vote was taken Stephen B., Jimmy P., and Richie Silvia vote in favor Mary Ellen A. abstained The major league field's score board needs to be moved too. The scoreboard needs to be moved 20 feet to the left of the right center field area. Stephen B. made a motion Jimmy P. second it roll call vote Stephen B., Jimmy P., and Richie Silvia all voted in favor Mary Ellen A. abstained. Jim Faria and the baseball league wants the bleaches right near the lower field to be repaired and the boards replaced. Stephen B. made a motion to do this Jimmy P. second the motion a roll call vote was taken Stephen B., Jimmy P., and Richie Silvia all voted in favor Mary Ellen A. abstained. The baseball league wants the town to cut the infield on the lower field at the complex, The change to the infield is to make it 70 feet and the pitching mound to be 50 feet. Jim Faria explained why he and the league wanted to change the infield after a long discussion Stephen B. made a motion to have baseball get all the information needed to change the lower field and bring it back to Barry and the Board. Jimmy P. second this motion a roll call vote was taken Stephen B., Jimmy P., and Richie Silvia all voted in favor while Mary Ellen abstained. Next a long discussion about the fields and the upkeep of the fields. Jim

Faria asked the question why the fields aren't in great condition. Barry stated one reason is fall baseball runs too long and the town was unable to repair and fix all the fields the way they wanted. Besides the work on the field and baseball played on them before they were ready. Next Jim Faria opened the discussion on CPA lightning at South Complex. Jim Faria asked the CPA board for \$137,000 this year and another \$250,000 over the next two years for a total of around \$400,000 total over a three year period. Jim Faria explained the lightning for this year would service 60 players ages 13 to 15. Next Jimmy P. explained his position CPA board. Jim Faria stated that he wanted to light all the fields at South Complex. After a long discussion on funding for all these projects. Jim Faria stated a number of times the 13 to 15 year old players are the forgotten age group and we need to and should do something for them. Barry stated he understood that parents can not make it to the field to watch their children playing during the day and it was a good thing for night play. A question was then asked about Recreation projects place before CPA. Recreation wants to put two CPA projects every year for the next 6 years to improve all the playgrounds around town. However, next year the town will only get 19% of the CPA money. Jimmy P. made a motion to move the board in favor of having the baseball league request go forward to the CPA board, Stephen B. second the motion. A roll call vote was taken Stephen B. Jimmy P. voted in favor Mary Ellen A and Richie Silvia abstained motion did not pass. Next baseball wants to replace the shed at Pierce Beach with a 10 foot by 12 foot shed that would cost \$3000. After a short discussion Jimmy P. made a motion to change the shed's size to 8 feet by 10 feet. Stephen B. second the motion a roll call vote was taken Jimmy P., Stephen B., and Richie Silvia all voted in favor Mary Ellen A. abstained. Richie Silvia made a motion to revisit the motion on the lightning at South Complex Jimmy P. second the motion a second vote was taken by the board in which Richie Silvia changed his vote from his abstaining to a vote in favor. Stephen B., Jimmy P., and Richie Silvia voted in favor and Mary Ellen abstained the motion passed..

- New York City Trip Wrap Up to The trip was a great day the weather was fine and everything went well. Barry explained that 2 people from Fairhaven and 10 people from Cranston helped to fill the buses and all went well with that.
- Gingerbread House Workshop to As of today only 8 children have signed up for Saturday. Hopefully more children will sign-up by then.
- Ice Rink to Barry stated the highway dept. began working on the rink at O'Neill Field on December 13, 2016. They will remove all the grass from the cracks and fix all the areas that need to be repaired.
- CPA Projects to Barry told the board we have two projects at Pierce Beach Playground. Both playgrounds at Pierce Beach will be replaced.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Site Coordinator for O'Neill Field ó Barry will send out all the information on the job position to all the members next week so we may review them.

ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSIONERS

- a. Jimmy P.- Asked Barry about the lights for the sledding hill at Pierce Beach, Barry stated he would put the lights on the timer and made sure all the hay is in place and ready to go..
- b. Richie Silvia ó O'Neill Field was one of his questions however it was answered earlier in the meeting, (2) Richie asked if we as a board were going to give out calendars to the people who donate to our events over the course of the year. No one was in favor of doing that again so discussion was dropped.
- C. Mary Ellen Aspden ó Mary Ellen asked about the bills for the dumpster at South Complex and Ashton Field. Barry stated all bills were paid either yesterday or today.
- d. Stephen Boland -
- c. Ray Frizado- not present

OPEN FORUM ITEMS

- Set date for next meeting if needed January 17, 2017 at 5:30pm
- Close meeting ó a motion was made by Stephen B. at 9:02pm to close meeting it was second by Mary Ellen A. A roll call vote was taken 4 in favor 0 against.
- Respectfully submitted

Richard Silvia
Playground and Recreation clerk