

Webster Park Committee Meeting Notes

Date: May 4, 2021
Location: Town Office
Time: 7:00 PM

Committee Members: Gary Perry, Georgia Perry, Dick Frambach, Mary Frambach, Peter Muise, Richard Verville
Selectman's Representative: Cheryl Gilpatrick

** Bold text shows who was in attendance

Meeting started at 7 PM

More vandalism at the park. Kids have been taking bricks from around the playground and throwing them around park. Several have been picked up already. A couple kids were caught down by the garage. May have to look into installing more lighting.

- 1) Bob McKechnie is re-working the Horseshoe pits (EOHD use)
 - i. Help provided by Mike Tisbert and Scott Elliot
 - ii. The area will be leveled, concrete removed (safety)
 - iii. Lighting was discussed (perhaps under later improvements)
- b. Bob purchased 3" thick hemlock boards for the pit backstops
- c. Would like to be reimbursed \$300
 - i. Committee discussed this would be okay provided the appropriate paid invoice was provided
 - ii. Also advise this cannot happen again without prior approval (Selectman Gilpatrick indicated he was now well aware of this)
- 2) Talked to Joe Davis: trees in the park and plants around the chemical toilets & spraying the poison ivy on walking trail.
 - a. Discussion on various type of trees (Oaks & Maples) that were recommended
 - b. Cost for trees about \$280-\$300/Tree. Will need about 12 trees.
 - c. Funding: Encumbered \$1,390 Budget \$1,500
 - d. Would like to install some bushes in areas at the park (restroom area)
 - e. Suggestion to check on trees for purchase through the State Nursery may be more cost effective.
- 3) Playground review the broken equipment
 - a. Awaiting a list on playground equipment Not recommended for use.
 - i. List not provided (Book on Municipal playground safety course was provided).
 - ii. Will need additional Playground mix (wood chips) for the area

- b. Diggers are broken again
 - i. These were vandalized again. Appears to have been smashed with a stick. (They need to be welded and new digger buckets purchased)
Cost to replace with new is about \$900.00)
 - ii. Gary will order buckets and parts needed and perform repair.
 - c. See-Saw is broken
 - i. appears to have been abused by someone heavier than a child (Bolts have been pulled through the steel plate)
 - ii. Gary will get a new plate and provide the repair.
 - d. Board of Selectman would like a monthly playground inspection
 - i. Based on liability the committee is reluctant to sign off on a safety inspection.
 - ii. Selectman Gilpatrick indicated the committee is covered under the Town insurance.
 - iii. R Verville asked if the Town Attorney would provide a Memorandum of Law to the committee regarding the liability issues and the insurance coverage, hold harmless.
 - 1. The Committee is not trained to perform the safety inspection
 - 2. Discussion on potential alternatives for inspection
- 4) Fencing on the pond side of the basketball court/fencing post & rail style fence: 3 places which has priority?
 - a. No luck on pricing from fence companies (B-Line fencing) will contact Riel Fencing. Looking for 12' chain link fence.
 - b. Look into split rail fencing installed at several areas along the park access road.
 - i. Location around the Bear this would include a 10-foot-wide gate to access the field. Cost: approx. \$1,250
 - ii. Along the road in the area of the basketball court Cost: Approx. \$1,300
 - iii. Along the road by the restrooms Cost: Approx. \$800
 - 1. Committee unanimously voted to approve the purchase and install split rail fence item ii and iii above.
 - iv. Additional request to install split rail fence along the path to the large pavilion by the drain for the pond to prevent potential injury (Committee Agreed)
 - v. Gate at Short Falls Swimming area will be done this year.
 - vi. If funding is available later this summer fencing for item (i) above will be considered
- 5) Can bin located near rte. 28 Odd Fellows organization monitors this (contact Gary Benner?)
 - a. The Selectmen have decided to ask that the bin be located outside of the park property.

- b. Selectmen will contact the Odd Fellows
 - c. Would like it moved prior to Old Home Day
- 6) Lightning at Pavilion should this be done---change to LED
 - a. Agreed to change out all the florescent light bulbs with the LED's
- 7) Wood chips for around the big pine tree roots & walking trail
 - a. Gary will talk with Scott to see if the Highway Dept can assist with this
- 8) Push pine needles and soil over edge beyond the parking area near the garage
 - a. Gary will talk with Scott to see if the Highway Dept can assist with this
- 9) Finish off the garage possible hire A.W Timber works for job (under \$5000.00 no bid needed-Verify)
 - a. This will move forward
- 10) Go over park reservation requests
- 11) Go over general town messages
 - a. Concord Coachman left a message that they would like to use the large pavilion to rehearse.
 - i. Discussion: Lots of positive comments great for the Town
 - ii. Committee Recommendation to waive the rental fee
 - 1. Committee voted 5 in favor 1 opposed 1 abstained (Selectman Gilpatrick.
- 12) Misc Items informative
 - a. Abandoned Boat on Town Property (not park property) Town is looking to have this disposed of.
 - b. Park calendar will be posted on the Town website should be available soon
 - c. Signage to be placed by the dumpster- Town is looking into this)
 - d. At Your Own Risk signs to be placed in various locations around the park
 - e. Town is looking in to "surveillance signage" in the park

Meeting Adjourned: 9:16 PM

Next Meeting:

Date: June 8, 2021

Time: 7 PM

Location: Town Office

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