

MEMORIAL PARK COMMITTEE MINUTES for March 10, 2014

Present were: Mary Beth Robillard, Andrea Berlin, John Bird, Eileen Payette, Charlene LoPresti, and Pat Holland, Anthony Massarelli

Meeting began at 6pm in the Lord Conference room @OOB High School.

The minutes of Feb. 2nd were read and accepted with a motion by Anthony.

Mary Beth updated us re: the dog park signs. She said that Val @Public Works sent in the picture selected to the sign company and she was waiting on the price for making them.

Mary Beth then told us about the Luminary Bags order that needed to be done for Illumination Night this coming Spring. The date for displaying the bags will be Sunday, May 25th with a rain date for May 26th. After discussion re: the number of bags, the night, etc., a motion was made and accepted by the committee to order the bags. Mary Beth also mentioned that she had called and made arrangements for having the same bagpiper as last year and that he would play for about an hour beginning around 7:30pm.

Next discussion was in re: to brainstorming re: who / what will be done in re: to having the gardens maintained this year in the park. Position would pay \$12 an hour. Need to check w/Town Manager in re: to advertising for garden help. Andrea suggested contacting the university.

Mary Beth then mentioned that Bill Roberson, PW director, said he would do a shade type structure in the dog park this year. Something much needed during the hot summer months.

Andrea then brought up and we discussed pruning and chemicals in park and with trees. Trees have not been done in past 2 years.

Pat mentioned again needing to have any signs re: use of any kind of pesticides in park to be displayed at all entrances into the park, not just by parking lot or across street from the Whaler.

Mary Beth mentioned the flag raising activity will begin for the 4th year on Memorial Day. She mentioned possibility of having Sharon Rose from WCSH doing a morning show as she had planned last year but was rained out.

Next discussion was in regards to necessity of having signs posted at entrances to park because of the number of people now using the park. Hopefully this would help clear up some concerns re: using the park and what is or is not allowed.

Suggestions for the sign, and we all agreed we should have too many, were as follows:

- * NO GRILLING without a permit

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- * Please do not climb on trees
- * All dogs should be on leash except in the dog park
- * Dispose of trash in available receptacles

Final discussion was in re: to Mary Beth advising us that due to needing surgery at the end of this month, she would not be able to continue as chair and that we need to think about electing a new chair at our next meeting.

The meeting adjourned @7:30 pm. Our next meeting is scheduled for April 7, 2014 at 6pm.

Respectfully submitted by Pat Holland.