

Chelsea Recreation Committee Meeting

Monday, June 30, 2014, 6:30 pm

UNAPPROVED DRAFT MINUTES

- 1) Called to order 6:30 pm, attendance- Ron Allen, Judy Reed, Travis Allen, Karen Colby, Mike Button, Robin Amber, John Parker
- 2) Secretary's report- Reviewed minutes from 4/7/14, 12/9/13- John motioned to approve as presented Judy, 2nd- unanimous agreement.
- 3) Treasurer's report-treasurer not present, report excused
- 4) Old business:
 - a. Heath Field clean up (structure) John inquired about the removal of the old play structure for community safety concerns about the ptl it's made from. John tried to find an interested party through local ads, but was unsuccessful. Karen volunteered to help dismantle the structure and let John recycle the metal. They will coordinate this together.
 - b. Mike inquired about the hope for a new play structure of some kind. John asked to table till later discussion about the Heath field.
 - b. Camp update, no basketball camp- no attendees. Question about continuing to offer it? Ron reports few sign ups for soccer camp thus far.
 - c. Robin will ask Heidi to put a reminder in the paper.

Ron commented that new sand that was hauled in for the volleyball court is very nice quality and thanked the CRC for the support to keep it nice.

5) New business:

- a. Heath Field future use discussion: John invited Mike Button, select board member to lead this part of the discussion. Mike described the upcoming plan for the town crew to remove their equipment, remains of the sandpile, etc. He also discussed the regrading plans for the field to level it to proper grade. Discussion around protection of the water treatment plant as part of the grading to keep it protected. He also expressed a desire to work with CRC to develop a plan for the future field footprint and needs so they can include it in the master plan. John asked what the process for decision should be. Mike suggested a list of priorities to see what the needs are and the plan could try to incorporate as much as they can. Parking is a significant portion of need, as well as enhanced field space layout. Travis suggested the need for a Field House. Mike

mentioned that there cannot be any new structures built due to new regulations for flood zones since TS Irene. The committee expressed a desire to add a small playground and increased parking in the area now covered by the sandpile. John would like to open the opinion up to the members of the town in a survey so that their ideas are honored. Timeline is that removal of sandpile in the next 6 mos with grading. John said to get the measurements and grade on the new footprint so look at the space available to start seeing what could fit. Then a survey with those options could be sent to the town for opinion. Mike mentioned the need to get ideas together and then send out something from the Selectboard that represents the wishes of the CRC out to the town members for their thoughts. Discussion evolved to deciding that the CRC will wait for the Selectboard to get map of the space, the committee will meet to make a sketch, send that out to the town for ideas survey and prioritize a final design for review and funding.

- b. New Open Meeting regulations: (handout--Link will be included with these minutes for the document) Robin gave a copy of the regulations to John and will send the link with the minutes that will be posted to the town website. Mike reviewed the penalty clause for knowingly violating of open meeting law. He shared the newer regulation changes and cautioned about the use of email between committee members as a violation of the law regulating unwarned meetings. The CRC agreed to be cautious about these types of communications.
- c. Other: Ron asked about the possible combination of the Parks and Rec Committees. Mike discussed recent discussion with Parks' committee member, Pete Amber. Mike questioned the interest in this and possible future need of a separate Parks committee. Mike said the Selectboard could absorb the duties as well. The CRC agreed that they did not want to add these duties at this time.
- d. At this time, Robin will do research on the meeting requirements to present at the next meeting so the CRC can set a schedule for CRC meetings that will be more consistent.
- e. The CRC Thanked the Selectboard for participation in the meeting.

7) meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm

Respectfully submitted, Robin Amber, Secretary

Open meeting law link:

http://www.vlct.org/assets/MAC/VLCT_Open_Meeting_Law_FAQs_June_2014.pdf