

September 30th, 2020
Clinton Parks & Recreation Meeting Minutes
6:00pm
Clinton Parks & Recreation Building
560 High Street

Call to Order: 6:00Pm

Attendance:

Director Rosa Kairit, Recreation Coordinator David Quill, Chair John Baird, Vice Chair Ed Verrier, Secretary Amanda Agnitti and Commissioner Mike Garofoli. Select Board Bill Connolly and Matt Kobus.

Administrative:

Review and Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes - John indicates a few spelling errors with names. Amanda motions to approve minutes, Mike seconds, all in favor.

Parks & Recreation:

Fuller Field Transition Update with Select Board Members Bill Connolly and Matt Kobus- Select Board Bill Connolly congratulates new members of the Commission. Bill indicates there are two parts to the transition of Fuller Field. The Select Board has sought initiative with the state to make the Parks & Recreation Commission assume the responsibilities of The Fuller Field Commission. The Town approved at town meeting. The legislature is due to be approved with the State in December. As of now the Parks & Recreation Commission is acting as Fuller Field Commission. Bill advises to post notice of meetings with Parks & Recreation Commission & Fuller Field the same nights. Keep a separate set of minutes. Bill advises that Matt Kobus is an acting board member until the commission has a fifth board member.

Mike asks Bill for a written perspective for Fuller Field. Bill is unaware and indicates Matt has more details in regards to helping with the transition. First meeting of the Fuller Field Commission should delegate responsibilities. Rosa should manage the field with the Facilities Department, Fuller Field will be another part of that.

Matt indicates he will put something together for our first Fuller Field Commission meeting. Mike volunteers to help with that. Matt will provide a background of the field to today. He will provide a vision for the park and how we will get there. Matt asks if we would like to meet another day. Bill strongly recommends having the meeting the same day. Matt is concerned about the initial meeting taking up two hours.

Amanda asks what the park is currently being used for. Matt indicates that Pop Warner uses the field and Adult Semi League was interested. Currently Tball, Coach Pitch, Little

League , three Babe Ruth teams, and they try to get the high school teams down there to have a few games, an over 38 league plays on Sundays. It's a misperception that the field isn't being used. Mike asks Rosa if she is up to speed on the schedule for Fuller Field. Rosa says no. Rosa asks Matt to get the information together to give to us at the next meeting. Matt has paperwork for Hussy Seating out of Maine. They were interested in doing seating for Fuller Field. Mike asks about a sponsorship for seating. Matt indicates that was the idea, they would be the official seating for the oldest baseball field. Matt indicates that there is an ongoing conversation on whether we are the oldest baseball field. Matt indicates there is a new scoreboard coming. Matt will put together a booklet. Bill indicates we are not meeting as the Fuller Field Commission tonight. He also states that they are a sub committee and Matt has the authority of the Select Board to be there and help with the transition. Bill advises he is here to help and to reach out if needed. Mike asks if when activities are going on at the field, if there is a moderator assigned or is it just the end user. Matt indicates it's the end user & they call him if there is an issue. Matt says it has been structured for decades by the same programs.

Commission Nominations-

John explains how we will fill the three roles. Mike asks if we have to do it in that order. He would like to establish that the Secretary be nominated first since we all know who that should be. Rosa explains the roles change annually. John explains that it is recommended that we go Chairperson, Vice, Secretary because it goes highest roles to lowest. John asks for nominations for Chair. Ed nominates John for Chair. John accepts. Mike seconds. All in favor. John nominates Ed as Vice Chair. Mike Seconds. All in favor. Amanda nominates Mike as Secretary. Mike cautions the board that he has slight dyslexia. He denies the motion. John nominates Amanda to be Secretary. Ed seconds. Rosa Congratulates everyone.

Department Updates -

Rosa updates on Open Commission Seat, Select Board has not discussed, still pending. Waiting for advisement from the Board Select. The Board of Health took down Basketball nets due to rising Covid numbers. All youth athletic organizers have been banned in town until the board of health approves their covid safety plans. All have been approved but Wachusett All Stars. It is pending for tomorrow night's meeting. We have to submit all our plans prior to. We have submitted covid safety plans for the scarecrow contest, pumpkin carving and a babysitting training course and are waiting for approval. The Board of Health have approved a part time youth program, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays. Lankton Dedication cancelled by Jabil due to group size numbers and to not risk staff. Family met with Russ and Rosa to take photos. Hope to have a proper ceremony in the Spring or Summer. Building rentals have resumed for parties under 25. We still have recurring rental on Sundays.

New & Old Business/Open Discussion-

Mike asks Rosa if we should discuss the candidates for the open seat. John indicates we can talk about the candidates. Mike indicates he personally doesn't have an interest in a certain candidate. John states he doesn't know where this process goes from now. Rosa

states we could vote on someone unanimously and ask the Board of Select. Johns asks Mike if he would vote for Mrs. Kerrigan. Mike indicates he voted based on a professional resume. He states we owe it to the town to come up with a decision. John indicates we can review the resumes and come to a decision. Mike states he has and wants to know why Ed objected to Mr. Green. Ed states that there are other issues and doesn't want to discuss. Rosa indicates that Ed does not need to explain himself. John indicates he didn't object to Mr. Green but was in favor of Patty. She has previous experience, been an educator and lived in town her whole life. Mike asks the board if they are interested in changing their vote. Mike motions to nominate Patty Kerrigan to fill the vacant fifth parks and recreation seat and request the nomination to the Select Board. Amanda seconds. All in favor.

Amanda motions to adjourn at 6:38 PM, Mike seconds, all in favor.