

Hartford Parks and Recreation Commission
Thursday, September 8, 2016
5:30PM
Hartford Town Hall

Meeting minutes

Attendance: Brett Mayfield, Cassidy Neal, Rob Stainton, Mike Vanasse, Tad Nunez, Director, Leo Pullar, Town Administrator, and Dick Grassi, Select board liaison

1. Call to Order 5:42 - Order of Agenda
2. Meeting Minutes for Thursday, June 9, 2016 were approved.
3. Citizens Comments / Correspondences
 - a. Rob shared a concern from a citizen regarding a swing set for “older children” has not been replaced in West Hartford. Tad stated there is an account created for the project and Tad has been in contact with the petitioning family.

4. Old Business

Tad gave a brief update on items that occurred over the summer months.

- a. There was a leak at the town pool, caused by the gutter system. The Parks and Rec Department is getting quotes for the cost to repair the system.
- b. The hockey arena gained funding through the approval of the select board for a new compressor. The arena is on schedule to be open for this coming season.
- c. The turning lane project at Maxfield is complete.
- d. There were some difficulties with staffing this summer due to various reasons. But the summer was nonetheless successful.
- e. The Ratcliffe basketball court was resurfaced.
- f. Tad met with Athletic Director, Jeff Mareno, to discuss schedule and use of fields.

5. Reports

Director’s Report (see Attachment)

Liaisons Reports

- a. Discussion about the Liaison Positions and there is a plan in place to assign Committee Members to new Liaison Positions next meeting, October 13, 2016.

6. New Business

- a. The future use of the “EMERGE” building next to Maxfield was discussed. There were a few suggestions:
 - a. Multi-Purpose Facility
 - b. Parking Spaces
 - c. Vendor/Concession Placement
 - d. Vegetable garden or small tree farm

- b. Rob mentioned the canoe access at Clifford Park. Tad stated the White River Partnership funded the project with no cost to the Town.
- c. Tad stated the Department is now over-seeing the care of the Town cemeteries
- d. Dog Park Discussion
 - a. More volunteers during busy hours
 - b. Workshops for dog owners with animal behaviorist
 - c. Discussion about adding new sign for the State law regarding dog bites
- e. There are quotes going out for new fencing and benches at the Library.

8. Commission's Input

- a. Dick mentioned the Commission getting t-shirts and attending more events to show visibility of the Commission. Tad stated the Commission once had polo shirts from the Parks and Rec Department.
- b. Meeting time was changed to 6:00 PM to accommodate scheduling conflicts
- c. Commissioner's Report due October 1, 2016
- d. Group Photo to be scheduled for next meeting

9. Adjourned at 6:41 PM

Respectfully submitted by Cassidy Neal