

Minutes 6/12/23 Murray Field, 6pm

Present: Members Jason Loomis, Leslie Berger, Christa Wurm, Ed Huang, and Anne for Pocket Park report until 6:15.

Pocket Park Report:

-Discussion of invasives and how to deal with them.

-Christa W and Craig Allen and families have agreed to mow the PP this summer, scheduled for every two weeks. Sign-in chart will keep track of dates.

-Anne will consult with Gordon Barnaby about a split rail fence possibility. Thoughts on outsmarting the beavers and rerouting them.

-On July 15th the Conservation Commission will hold an event, drawing people to the PP. Anne has invited Eric Donaldson (Erosion Mitigation Project), Desiree from EcoStudies (Pollinator Studies), and Melissa Strayton (Morrill Memorial Library) and will entertain other possible areas of interest. She will go through the correct channels to reserve the PP for this date, will advertise on Listserv, etc., and put up a sandwich board to remind community of this event. Christa will see to mowing prior to July 15th.

-Note that Melvin has offered ice cream to volunteers that will mow the PP.

Village to Village Bike/Pedestrian Trail: This has resurfaced as a conversation. Leslie researched the 2023 VTrans Bicycle and Pedestrian Grant Program. The conclusion reached is that we missed our window to apply. However, there is renewed interest by all present in getting this off the ground again and we'll revisit/explore in September. Thoughts: collaborate with VAST, check with landowners, speak with middle school staff & students about grant writing.

Red Barn Report:

-The cleanout effort is progressing nicely. Hilary, Ed, and Leslie hoed out a large space upstairs. There's now much more room to designate specific areas for Strafford organizations. Ed will continue with cleanout over the summer/fall. Christa & Leslie will mark off areas for soccer, baseball, softball, and PTA.

-Finn Proulx is willing to wood-burn a sign to be placed on the building. Christa will contact him and see if it can be done by July 15th.

- Red Barn Repairs: Jeremy Kendall has agreed to do the work. Priorities - fix the sliding door (front), strip siding, and replace windows on north end of barn. Proposal: The Rec Board proposed to spend up to \$6,000 to repair sliding door, replace windows, and replace siding as necessary. Approved.

Tennis Courts:

-Courts are on the schedule for resurfacing & painting. Contractor is on board, weather dependent - Ed is working with the company to schedule a time. They will need access to water but not much else.

-Ed proposed ordering roll-away pickleball nets and will look into ordering these after the courts are redone. Pickleball is experiencing incredible popularity right now - there's great participation.

- Once resurfacing is complete, signs should be hung up re: how to treat the courts.

-Thoughts about how to continue organizing this activity after Karen moves away.

Murray Field:

-Bob Murray Celebration of Life was well attended. John F situated the tent rental.

-The port-o-let which was on Murray Field has been relocated to Varney Field to accommodate the baseball program. It's been cleaned and serviced. Plans are in place for Jason or Willis Phelps to move it back to Murray Field now that baseball is over (after July 4th game?)

-Soccer Target Net: Christa proposed that the Rec Board purchase a soccer target net to be put up after soccer camp is over. Cost is \$60-\$150. Approved.

- Christa & Leslie will flag area for One Planet tent - 20'x40', delivery scheduled for first week of July. Flagging will take place at the end of soccer camp.

Skatepark: There's been no notable interest in this area so far this Spring. The equipment is out of the building and is available if anyone has the energy or initiative to set it up.