

## **West River Park Committee**

**April 25, 2012**

### **Attending:**

Dr. Bob Tortolani, Ben Underhill, Matt Henry, Paul Freed, Carol Lolatte, & Bonnie Carr

### **Update from Committee**

#### **Development:**

Work @ WRP began a few weeks ago and Paul Ethier, Ron Bell, & Paul Freed have been meeting to address a punch list of items needing attention. The final payment request from Renaud Brothers of \$106,000.00, (for Phase I), is in but will not be paid until all the issues are resolved.

Phase II will soon get under way and Carol will keep everyone posted as things progress. The items include the backstop, fencing, foul poles, goals, signage, benches, & sewer service.

Paul is meeting with Tony Farnum from the WRCC to go over design pricing. Carol will then meet with them to see if the school can tackle this in 2013. It was also reported that the kiosks should soon be ready.

Carol is now working with the Planning Department, Police Department and Department Heads regarding the entrance to WRP in regards to safe speeds, signage, and entering and exiting safely. They have come up with 5 suggestions in approaching the State of Vermont on this:

1. Reduce Speed in the area from 50mph to 30 mph
2. Flashing lights to go from 50 mph to 40 mph
3. Rumble Strips
4. New and additional signage
5. Define the Bike Lane more clearly

Presently in the budget there is \$110,069.31 on hand. At this time the finance committee needs to concentrate on raising additional funds. It was announced that Dr. Tortolani & his wife have donated \$15,000.00 for the Maintenance Building.

Carol announced that the tractor for WRP was cut from the Recreation & Parks Budget so approximately \$18,000.00 to \$20,000.00 will need to be raised by WRP to purchase one.

**Fundraising & Grants:**

Paul Freed informed the committee that WRP will be receiving \$10,000.00 from the Henderson Foundation sometime in August. A personal donation of \$5,000.00 from a member of Paul's family will be received in June.

Carol and Ben will meet in the next few weeks to address the Grants from C & S, Entergy, Peoples United, & Hannafords and how to move forward with them.

**501c3:**

Paul Freed is going to follow up on this and see if he can get some results.

**Press:**

The Committee discussed the need to get press out and Carol will follow up on this with Betsy.

**Next Meeting:**

TBA

**Other Business:**

On July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012 the Town Selectboard has requested that this Committee attend their regular Tuesday Board Meeting in order to update them on the progress of this project. Please mark your calendars.