

West River Park Committee

December 10, 2012

All Minutes are a draft until adopted by the Committee at the next scheduled meeting.

Attending: Ben Underhill, Paul Freed, Brownie Towle, Matt Henry, Carol Lolatte, Betsy Gentile, and Bonnie Carr.

Approval of Minutes: Ben Underhill made a motion to accept the minutes as printed. Matt Henry seconded the motion and it was so carried.

Update from Committee

Development:

Brownie Towle reported that he had spoken with Dave Manning of DMI and he will donate the excavating portion at WRP for the Maintenance Building. Eugene Frost has forms he is willing to donate for the concrete as well as his services to set them. Washburn Vault will donate and pour the concrete. Everyone agreed this is a huge boost to the project and also the possibility and logistics of getting this started now as opposed to next spring. Carol did tell everyone that these generous donors need to put their In-kind donations in writing but no PO's are required. Brownie will contact the donors and then get in touch with Paul Freed and Paul Ethier, Park Supervisor with the particulars of when the process can get done.

A discussion followed regarding material costs for the Maintenance Building as well as the siding which goes on it. The siding price is included in the original costs but not the installation of it. The Committee members present feel this can be done in a day using volunteers and Paul Freed said he would be glad to head this up.

Phased Plan/Prioritized Plan:

A short discussion followed regarding the fencing as well as the foul poles, costs, plus the pros and cons of foul pole flags.

Fundraising/Grants:

Ben and Carol gave the following update:

- Entergy has a request from the committee for \$50,000.00
- Hannaford will be getting a request soon
- Proctor & Gamble – New Chapter will soon be in the works
- Price Chopper has to be re-submitted

- The Grant from the State has been awarded but due to a typo, it has to go before the Town Selectboard again for their approval to accept
- \$2,500.00 was received Noontime Rotary
- Lane Construction – Carol had a conversation with Angie Johnson, Administrative Assistant at the local company and she is going to make a request to headquarters for a donation.

Letter Campaign:

In the spring a letter campaign will go out. This will be discussed at the next meeting. Also more press will be forthcoming, hopefully in conjunction with Entergy's donation.

All present agreed that when WRP officially opens in the spring, a big effort needs to be put forth to make this a spectacular and memorable event.

Next Meeting:

The next scheduled meeting for this committee is set for Monday, January 7, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the Gibson Aiken Center in the Conference Room.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bonnie Carr