

West Stockbridge Parks & Recreation Committee

Minutes for Meeting on:

4/5/2024 - 5:00PM

21 State Line Road, West Stockbridge, MA

Attendance: Caitlin Graham (CG), Joe Roy (JR), JP Boscarino (JP), Ashley Daigle (AD) <zoom>, Kelli Bradburry (KB)

- 5:00PM Meeting in session.
- CG made a motion to approve previous meeting's minutes. JP seconded. All approved.
- CG went over Memorial Day preparations. She has been in touch with the local American Legion and the Housatonic VFW regarding how they feel about Memorial Day wishes. American Legion is now down to their final members before the local chapter will be closed. They made it clear that they very much enjoyed last year's ceremony because the VFW was involved. They are not able to ride or march in a parade. VFW also mentioned they were very happy with the ceremony last year and that they were able to attend because there was no parade. They made it clear that if we kept it the same then they would be able to attend again this year. Great Barrington has made a huge parade. VFW has to be a part of it. They were pretty clear that if we have a parade then a veteran presence should be a part of it.
 - KB asked if the vets would be able to attend if they were not a part of the parade. CG said she wasn't sure and will look into it. Logistics might be tough for them if we do have a parade.
 - Idea of doing some kind of float or some way to do photos
 - Reverse parade?
 - KB suggested a float or display on the memorial so we can do the ceremony on the flat of the lawn.
 - Talk to Bob Salerno about getting old vet pics.
 - JR to get in touch with WSFD
 - JP To get in touch with Wayne Cooper
 - CG to wrap up plan with vets
- Group went over the egg hunt. Next year = pre stuffed eggs are good, but traditional eggs as well. More things in eggs: candy, seeds for plants, etc. Otherwise, a successful event.
- JR went over meeting he had with Curt Wilton and Marie Ryan regarding ideas for around town hall brought forth by the vision committee.
 - Most of the concerns about the town hall operational status were in fact not issues after all: heat in gym works fine, Town Hall restrooms are open Monday-Saturday 7am-7pm. Community room and gym are used a lot already according to Marie and Community Health was replaced with Community Alliance. As for larger projects: everyone agreed that everything should start with small steps:
 - JR to research ideas of signage to be placed around Town Hall that describes existing Town Hall services and operational hours.
 - JR to get in touch with Earl Moffatt to research about Community Alliance. What are its services, schedule, etc and then put something together so that townspeople are more aware of what is available to them.
 - Muck matts for Card pond were given a big thumbs up. JR to run it by ConCom first.
 - JR went over muck matts for Card Pond. Group decided to purchase 4 in total to be installed today. CG made a motion to approve the purchase of 4 muck matts not to exceed \$3000 pending concom approval. JP seconded the motion. All approved.

- JR mentioned that he talked with Nora and Dom is interested in the lifeguard position. Needs to coordinate timing for training. We need to advertise the position in case anyone else would like the position.
- Next meeting: 4-11-24 at 5pm to finalize Memorial Day plans.
- 5:15PM Adjourn.

Respectfully submitted by,

Joseph P Roy

West Stockbridge Parks and Recreation Clerk

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Joseph P Roy", written in dark ink.