



Town of Groveland

Recreation Committee

183 Main Street
Groveland, MA 01834

APPROVED November 16, 2022

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 28, 2022

Groveland Town Hall

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PRESENT: Kerry Goodwin, Dan Stewart, Karen Lebel, Jason Naves, Catherine Oulette, Steve Baker, Mitch Mahoney
Rebecca Oldham, Town Administrator; Renny Carroll, Highway Superintendent (Remote)

ABSENT: Mike Davis, Bill O'Neil

Chairman Stewart called the meeting to order at 7:35PM

Reorganization of the Board

- **Chair**

MOTION: Jason Naves made a motion to nominate Kerry Goodwin as Chair. Dan Stewart seconded. Voted 7-0, all in favor, 2 absent.

- **Vice-Chair**

MOTION: Jason Naves made a motion to nominate Steve Baker as Vice-Chair. Karen Lebel seconded. Voted 7-0, all in favor, 2 absent.

- **Secretary**

MOTION: Dan Stewart made a motion to nominate Mitch Mahoney as Secretary. Karen Lebel seconded. Voted 7-0, all in favor, 2 absent.

Pines Recreation Area Update

- **ATV Battery**

Dan Stewart asked for update on monies for a new ATV battery for the ATV used to drag the softball fields. A personal machine used to help maintain the fields. Renny Carroll stated he would follow-up and we could order from Georgetown Supplies.

- **Dog Park**

Jason Naves provided an update on the design and construction. Water usage to be paid for by K-9 Unleashed. Estimated time of completion is October. Supply issues are the hold up.

Discussion about the current dog park. The former dog park will be removed. Discussion about reusing the fence and fencing in area for the drainage area near the hill. Dan Stewart stated the area is extremely dangerous and worried about safety.



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- **Skatepark**

Discussion on the public survey released. Survey focuses on identifying features that users would want to see. Dan Stewart asked if the park will be where the current concrete pad is located and if it will be fenced in? Renny Carroll explained that it will be where the current pad is and enlarged. Further, that most designs are not fenced in, and they blend into the landscape. Committee members volunteered to help promote the survey.

- **OTHER**

- Board discussed Tennis/Pickle Ball court. Should it be permitted? User fee?
- Board discussed basketball signage. Should there be a sign to state 'use at your own risk'. Discussion of effectiveness. Would it impact liability? Will explore further.

Shanahan Field Update

- Survey and Parking Lot

Discussion on parking lot location. Discussed the need for both Groveland Youth Soccer, the neighborhood, safety along Main Street and benefit to provide parking for the new trail.

Community Tail Update

Contractor finishing punch list items and then putting the topcoat down in the next few weeks. Opening should be in November

Town-Wide Trail Maintenance Plan

Discussion included:

- Advertising use of the trails
- Question if Bagnall School working on the trail clean-up with the 4th grade class as done previously. Karen Lebel will reach out the group.
- Discussion about GIS Mapping and updating the trail map
- Dan Stewart questioned if there was a Pentucket student program where students needed service hours.
- Discussion about further inventorying the trails on MIMAP.
- Jason Naves shared photos of Wood Street Trail. Trail is in great need of maintenance.

Website Application and Reservations

Discussion of the new program to help reserve the fields and other town properties online. The process will eliminate much of the administrative hassle and ensure schedules are submitted and we are accurately tracking field and property use.

Other Items not Reasonably Anticipated at Time of Posting

- Irrigation at the Pines – fracking, lowering the pump; it would not be worth the money for either. Well no longer functioning. Utility Field Well - newer well was put in the wrong area. The other locations are viable, and we can drill a new well and get a



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- sustainable water source. We cannot reuse equipment. Concern with drafting water from the Merrimack River as proposed by Board of Selectmen – cross contamination.
- New well is under \$50,000. Ask Board of Selectmen to be on agenda for further discussion.
 - Remote for the scoreboard – Jason Naves is working on the remote. But the company has gone out of business. Need to explore purchasing a new remote. Police have the baseball remote – Dan Stewart to follow-up with the police.

Adjournment

MOTION: Dan Stewart made a motion to adjourn at 8:35PM. Jason Naves seconded the motion. Voted 7-0, all in favor, 2 absent.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Oldham