

Town of Middlebury Parks and Recreation



Betty Proulx, APRP
Director

COMMISSIONERS
Ron Clark, Chairman
Ray Kasidas
Jack Worgan
Ralph Barra
Carolanne Browne

MIDDLEBURY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
Thursday October 12, 2018
Shepardson Community Center
Room 1

Present: Ron Clark, Chairman
Betty Proulx, Director
Ray Kasidas
Ralph Barra

Absent: Carolanne Browne
Jack Worgan

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Ron Clark called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

APPROVE MINUTES

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by Ralph Barra and seconded by Ray Kasidas to **APPROVE** the May 10, 2018 minutes as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

GREENWAY REPORT

Betty Proulx said she submitted the Thomaston Savings Bank Grant to purchase solar lights. It will include 5 lights and the installation; 3 at Chase and 2 at Styman. She is hoping to get future donations. She said that people are still wanting benches on the greenway, but they are no longer doing the granite benches. Ray Kasidas asked if it would be possible to have the parking areas marked somehow, so that people, especially from out of town, will be able to easily locate their vehicles.

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by Ray Kasidas and seconded by Ralph Barra to **APPROVE** the Greenway report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BUDGET

Ralph Barra said that at last night's BOF meeting Larry Hutvagner reported that all departments are still in the black and doing well.

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by Ralph Barra and seconded by Ron Clark to **ACCEPT** the budget report.

PERSONNEL

None to report

BUILDING & PARKS

Ray Kasidas reported that everything is doing well. He did mention that the fire department was updating their keys to the Ox Box for all town buildings. He said the only keys they need are for the cottage and garage.

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by Ralph Barra and seconded by Ron Clark to **APPROVE** the Building and Parks report.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

None to report

DIRECTORS REPORT

Betty Proulx said there are issues going on with the Middlebury soccer and baseball leagues. They have now all become Pomperaug soccer and baseball. She said that Ed St John would like to have a meeting to discuss how to move forward. Ray felt that neither of the sports have anything to do with the town or Selectman. Betty said they need to set up a fee schedule and she noted they already charge out of town leagues. Ray felt the committee should be involved with the negotiations and then bring the information to Ed St John. Ron Clark said it is all about the use of the fields. It is a non-profit incorporated body that uses the fields. There needs to be maintenance of the fields and they need to have their own insurance. Betty said she prepared an annual report, but has not yet had a chance to get it approved yet. There was a discussion regarding Celebrate Middlebury. Betty told the committee they had a resident re-do the bathroom floors at the MRA free of charge.

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by Ralph Barra and seconded by Ray Kasidas to **ACCEPT** Betty Proulx's Directors Report.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

VOTED: On a motion by Ralph Barra and seconded by Ray Kasidas to **ENTER** into executive session at 6:35 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

cc: Town Clerk
Commission Members
Betty Proulx
Bill Stowell