

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 May 9, 2019
Shepardson Community Center
Room 1**

Present: Ron Clark, Chairman
Betty Proulx, Director
Carolanne Browne
Jack Worgan
Ralph Barra

Absent:

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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

APPROVE MINUTES

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by Carolanne Browne and seconded by Ralph Barra to **APPROVE** the April 25, 2019 special minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

GREENWAY REPORT

Betty Proulx said the spring walk was done along the greenway and she handed the report she received today from the committee. The annual earth day walk was held and a home inspection company from Beacon Falls attended with a large group of people along with the 6 residents that participated. A lot of cleaning was done and everyone did a nice job. Ron asked if a member from the committee can be invited to one of their meetings.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BUDGET

Betty Proulx showed the board where they currently stand for the month and said they are doing ok. She reported she ordered part of the dock that needs to be replaced at the MRA and she is hoping to order another smaller dock as well. The cost would be about \$4,000.00.

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

PERSONNEL

Betty Proulx said she has filled the trash pickup position. She is giving him 20 hours a week because he is also picking up the trash along the roads as well.

BUILDING & PARKS

Ralph Barra said he has been out to Ledgewood Parl about 3 times a week and noted there is still a way to go but the work is coming along nicely. He suggested putting up another sign regarding dogs needing to be on a leash. He said it is a well maintained and beautiful park. There was a brief discussion regarding putting stairs or a path from the playground down to the track.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Carolanne Browne said there were a couple of things she saw on line regarding the boat rack and the confusion on the day the fees were due because it was a holiday. She also had people questioning why the greenway wasn't open and feels there should be a set policy regarding the opening and closing of the greenway. A brief discussion on dates ensued.

DIRECTORS REPORT

Betty Proulx reported they are moving forward with the camps and the parade. The MRA has new docks. She said the greenway fences are coming apart in some places and she has applied for a grant for them but won't hear back until the end of this month. If they don't get the grant there is money in the Capital plan to repair, not replace. She is hoping the benches for Tucker Hill Rd and the garden park will get in soon. There was a discussion regarding the Thomaston Savings Bank grant for new solar lights and the board suggested asking for 5 more. Betty reported that Schoolhouse park has a sink hole, which has been there for the past 5 years and there is a problem with the drainage even though drains were installed. She said the new Capital Plan projects will be starting July 1st and the priority is the floor at the MRA and then the roofs will be started after the season is over.

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by Ralph Barra and seconded by Carolanne Browne to **APPROVE** the directors report.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board entered into executive session at 6:21 PM on a motion by Jack Worgan and seconded by Carolanne Browne.

The Board exited executive session at 6:35 P.M. on a motion by Ralph Barra and seconded by Carolanne Browne.

ADJOURNMENT

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by Jack Worgan and seconded by Ralph Barra to **ADJOURN** the meeting at 6:40 P.M.

cc: Town Clerk
Commission Members
Betty Proulx
Bill Stowell