

HILL PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
October 24, 2012

Called meeting to order 6:30 pm

In Attendance

Member, Desiree L. Mahurin
Member, December Fortin
Member, Karen Welch

Absent

Member, Victoria Dickinson

NEW BUSINESS:

2013 Budget preparation – The Committee reviewed the 2012 year to date expenditures. A motion was made and voted unanimously to utilize remaining funds of the park maintenance line item to purchase a new see saw.

A motion was made and voted unanimously to level fund the 2012 budget for the 2013 budget year. A total of \$8,200.00 will be requested for the 2013 budget. These funds will be used to work on further park revitalization items.

Discussion was also had about submitting a report in the Town's annual town report for the Parks & Recreation Department describing our achievements for 2012 including grant applications and receipts and future plans.

Grant application with Franklin Savings Bank – Hill Parks & Recreation was not one of the applications that were granted funding this year. The committee will try again for their next grant application round in January 2013 and/or July 2013. The committee would like to meet with a Franklin Savings Bank representative to review how we could improve our chances for future grant applications.

Hill Benefit Fund Grant received – Hill Parks & Recreation has received \$5,000 from the fund to be used toward the park revitalization. The committee has decided that these funds will be used to purchase the surfacing material under and around all playground equipment. Any remaining funds will be used toward purchasing new see saws.

Maurice P. Wheeler Park Revitalization Project – The Highway Department has been asked to pull out and remove the old see saws as well as the old tether ball pole. Both of these pieces have been deemed unsafe by the insurance company. Due to the deteriorated state of the see saws the committee has decided to purchase a new piece of equipment instead of trying to re-fabricate the old one. By utilizing remaining 2012 budget funds and the Hill Benefit Fund Grant received a new see saw will be purchased this year and installed in the spring of 2013.

Screened sand will be ordered from RD Edmunds and delivered to the park on November 9th. The Highway department has been asked, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to assist Edmunds in getting the sand moved and piled at and/or near the equipment.

A volunteer day has been set for Saturday November 10th to spread and level the sand. During the day on the 10th areas of hazard that were identified by the insurance inspection will also be corrected. Desiree L. Mahurin will put out an email blast requesting public assistance on this volunteer day.

Meeting adjourned 7:45 pm
Respectfully submitted by: Desiree L. Mahurin

Next meeting date: **November 14, 2012**