

**HILL PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE**

**MEETING MINUTES**

January 16, 2014

6:30 pm – Hill Public Library

Call meeting to order: 6:30 PM

**In Attendance:**

Desiree L. Mahurin

Karen Welch

December Fortin

Justin Wheeler

Absent: Victoria Dickinson

**Reviewed Correspondence received by the Board of Selectmen and passed along to P&R Committee –**

**Veterans memorial bench donation** – Chester W. Butcher, Jr., a former resident and veteran would like to donate a granite bench honoring those who served in the US military. The Committee agrees that we would like to accept this gift on behalf of the community. A letter will be drafted to Mr. Butcher accepting his generous gift and to make arrangements for the placement of the bench. It is anticipated that the installation could be accomplished prior to Memorial Day of this year.

**Updates to Veterans' memorial plaques** – Craig M. Szwed, a former full-time resident and veteran. Mr. Szwed's family still owns property in Hill. Mr. Szwed feels that his name should have been included on the plaque for the Viet Nam war. Based on his letter it does appear that is true. Further research will be done regarding how the names were determined to be on the plaque and add his name appropriately. It is anticipated that this could also be accomplished prior to Memorial Day of this year.

**Boat ramp possible installation in the Old Hill Village** – Mike Brady, the Board of Selectmen and NH State Representative, Scott Burns have drafted a letter to NH Fish & Game, Facility and Lands Chief, Rick Fink to inquire about providing a boat ramp on the Pemigewasset River accessible from the village area of our town. We are requesting a carry down/car top ramp to provide this access. The area at the end of the extension of Back Road that intersects with the Old Route 3 would be an ideal location for the ramp.

Representative Burns suggests that members of the public wanting this boat ramp, to send a letter of request to Fish and Game also. The committee discussed putting this information out in a press release through the monthly newsletter and to possible create a petition to have available to sign at Town Meeting. The more public support and input we can put forward to NH Fish & Game, lease holders of the Franklin Falls Floodplain, the better chance of getting the boat ramp.

**Eagle Scout, Obie Helmers** – An Eagle Scout Court of Honor was held on January 12, to honor Obie's Eagle Scout project here in Hill. Unfortunately, none of our committee members could attend. A Certificate of Appreciation and Congratulation card will be sent to Obie Helmers for his work.

**Yoga classes and wellness clinics/workshops** have been very well attended and are anticipated to continue for as long as the interest remains.

**Potential funding options for Parks & Recreation** – Desiree presented an article from the NHMA NH Town & City publication regarding funding options for Parks & Recreation pursuant to RSA 35-B:2 II. Desiree will prepare a draft warrant article based on the RSA using examples from NH Department of Revenue and present it to the Board of Selectmen for approval of it to be included in the Town Meeting Warrant of 2014.

**Tentative agenda topics for February –**  
Putting mowing out to bid for 2014  
Project list for 2014

Meeting adjourned: 8:00 pm

Next meeting: Thursday, February 20, 2014