

Town of Harpswell
Recreation Committee Meeting
March 7, 2016

Attendees: Don Miskill, Ray Sohl, Rick Meisenbach and David Brooks.

Also present: Gina Perow Rick Daniels (Selectman), and Reed Coles (HHLT).

A quorum was present when the meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM.

Meeting Minutes: The February 1, 2016 minutes were approved with corrections [4-0-0].

Old Business:

- **Action item: Devil’s Back Trail Plan for east side [Don M.]**
- **Action item: Cliff Trail – Replace broken and rotted bridge boards, build additional bog bridges at Henry’s Creek, reflective paint for the blazes, and blaze the cutoff trail reroute.**
- **Action item: Erect roadside sign for the Giant Stairs, and repaint the GS bike rack.**
- **Action item: Make laminated “You are here” maps for the Devil’s Back and Cliff Trails.**
- **Action item: Develop an Other Power Driven Mobility Devices [OPDMD] Policy for town trails.**
- **Action item: Permanent maps at trailheads or map cards and QR codes.**
- **Action item: DOGPOT station at Mackerel Cove.**

New Business:

- **Otter Brook Update** – March 1 Public Forum presented the Otter Brook Project. Gina and several others spoke about the project and how it supports the Open Space Plan for the town. It’s importance in health of the wetlands drainage and ultimately the coastal waters where shellfish are. This was in preparation for the town meeting vote.
- **Town Event at Mitchell Field:**
 - We have a name, **Harpswell Tailgate and Recreate at Mitchell Field.**
 - July 16, 2016, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm and Bean Supper. Rain date would be the next day, Sunday.
 - Don will reconfirm with Eric Field.
 - We are focusing on local vendors. Rick, Monique and Gina will tackle this. Looking at Cook’s, Dolphin, Schoolhouse, Veggie Corner, Giant Stairs, Salt Cod, Holbrook’s (Gilmore’s), Morse’s, Block & Tackle and Gurnet Trading Post.
 - Harpswell Community Television will be asked to broadcast live at the event.
 - Ray thinks we can have the new radio station participate too.
 - Scavenger hunt and family focused activities.
 - Music, Fred Cantu & band and Charles Bernier.
 - Will ask Tom Allen to write an article for us.
- **Devil’s Back East Shore Trail** – We are complete along the shoreline trail section and are now doing a rough cut/flagging on the inboard part of the trail. Once that is complete, we can bring in a crew to clean cut the trail. After that, flag & open two cutoff trails, steps where needed, trail names, signs and blazing. Will do more as weather dictates. Should be all set for a National Trails Day opening.
- **Pickle Ball** – Gina was called by Kathy Bowen (Summer Resident) about having a pickle ball summer program. Could hold at HCS. We’d need net and equipment. Gina will investigate and let us know.
- **Work Party Assessments** – As soon as the weather warms, we will do surveys of all the town properties, develop an action list and schedule the work trips. Don will coordinate with Chris Coffin for the Giant Stairs survey.

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- **Mitchell Field Update** – Don briefed the committee on the Mitchell Field Waterfront Proposal Public Forum held immediately after the Otter Brook Presentation on March 1.
- **Town Meeting** - There are **four warrant articles** for the Recreation Department
 - \$3000 request for the July event at Mitchell Field.
 - Recreation Budget
 - Recreation Programs Budget
 - Capital spending at Trufant-Summerton Field. \$20,000 from our special revenue account and \$15,000 from appropriations, if approved.
- **Action items Review** – No changes.

Handouts:

- HHLT *The Otter Brook Corridor Project – Phase II* brochure.
- Mitchell Field Committee Report, *Recommendations for Improvements to the Waterfront at Mitchell Field*, dated November 20, 2015 [via email].
- Waterfront report diagrams of Pier, boat launch road access and front entrance road access.

Next Meeting:

- Recreation Committee meeting on April 4th, 2016 at 7:00 PM at the Town Office.
- Recreation Committee meeting on May 2nd, 2016 at 7:00 PM at the Town Office
- NOTE – The Recreation Committee does not meet in the summer months.
- Recreation Committee meeting on September 5th, 2016 at 7:00 PM at the Town Office.

The Recreation Committee Meeting adjourned at 7:43 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Don Miskill, Secretary