

CROCKER POND RECREATION COMMITTEE
Town of Westminister
Massachusetts 01473

MEETING MINUTES

August 8, 2023

Members Present: Heather Billings, Sharon Lewis, Christopher Jaggie, Kathleen Brennan and Pat Streeter

Others Present: Jim Walker, Audra Kirtland

Invoices Approved:

- Sharon Lewis, Fairy Day supplies (\$19.96, \$9.29 & \$14.00)
- Jim Walker, Supplies (\$106.34)
- Jim Walker, Maps (\$21.98)
- Maki, Pressure treated fence (\$40.47 & \$118.00)

Discussion Topics:

Discussion with Audra Kirtland

- Options to improving public communications and grant writing
- Expanding community functions and transportation opportunities to bring more visitors to the pond.

General Discussion Topics:

- Set agenda for Bob Francis meeting with the Committee, including lowering pond levels, seal coating driveway and staining bridge, Mr. Francis interest in donated parcel. Relocating power with utility – need more information to evaluate further. Committee to consult with Town regarding the process for considering Mr. Francis request.
- Adding signage to communicate availability of handicapped chair
- Pond to begin closing at 7 PM on August 14.
- Alarm call boxes tested correctly.
- Managing geese deterrents to keep them away from the beach.
- Will order 80 rings for boat registrations and bike rack anchors for boats.
- Improvements to remove tripping hazard around the porch and improving accessibility to gazebo.

- \$1,500 in tree cutting budget line item will renew for the next year.
- Will plan to add contact phone number to the registration form
- Raft has been inspected and found to have numerous hairline cracks along the tank ballasts that are likely leaking causing it to lean. Raft will be inspected when it is removed at the end of the season to determine if ballasts can be repaired/replaced.
- Areas to improve paths and fencing, clearing dead vegetation.
- Kathleen Brennan to follow up on scheduling first aid training.
- Discussed consideration of granting passes to Westminster school district teachers who live out of town – however, issues arose with conflicts and fairness in allowing teachers from some schools and not others.
- Need to add sand to reduce the height of the step off the porch where erosion has removed material. Kathleen Brennan to explore procurement of material to make improvements.
- Yoga to be held Tuesdays and Sundays in August.
- United Way Day of Caring September 15 - will extend the fence from the picnic area to close off the area to the parking lot.

Next Meetings: Tuesday, August 22, 2023 at Crocker Pond.

Minutes Approved: Heather Billings, Kathleen Brennan, Sharon Lewis, Pat Streeter and Chris Jaggie

Respectfully submitted,



Christopher Jaggie