

Town of Becket

Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting

April 18, 2023 at 9:00 AM

Present: Rita Furlong, Eila Bell, David Weiler and Maddy Elovirta

Absent: Shirley Vachula

Chairman Rita Furlong called the meeting to order at 9:15 AM in the Becket Room of the Becket Town Hall.

The treasurer's report stated that there was \$4111.22 left in the budget. The report was accepted as presented. The minutes of the November 15, 2022 meeting were accepted as presented.

Rita reported that all summer staff for 2022 will be returning for the 2023 season.

Eila Bell offered to get a kiosk for the quality water reports that will be posted just inside the open bay of the beach shed. The kiosk was made and mounted in the shed for summer use. Thank you Eila.

There was discussion of the pavilion. The cement is down and contractors to build the rest of the building will be sought.

New beach passes are in and available to the taxpayers.

Esaus Trail people have asked the Parks and Recreation Committee to purchase a picnic table for the area at the trail head. As there is no money in the budget at this time for such a purchase, it was voted to give them the large wooden picnic table from the beach. Maddy will get it moved.

There is an issue with people using the parks and beach leaving dog poop in plastic bags at the sites. Signs will be priced and purchased to try and address this issue.

The cement on the pavilion needs repair and sealing. Estimates will be gotten.

Bids for the tennis court repair/resurfacing have been difficult to get. Rita has been heading the search for such. Rita has a bid for \$28,750 and two letters of refusal. This will go as an article for annual town meeting.

Discussion of trees that need to be assessed and a determination made on some of the dead trees in recreational areas of town. Two large, but very dead trees, on the parade grounds will be taken down by Eversource. It was decided that the other tree issues will be left to the Tree Warden.

Meeting adjourned at 10:25 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Maddy Elovirta, Clerk