

JUPD Minutes 2-17-16

Board Members Present: Livy Strong, Marie Lynch, Andrew French, Carol Smith, Marcy Gibson, Judie Jones

Board Member Absent: Jim Massingham

Meeting started at 7 P.M.

Minutes from 2-3-16 approved.

Financial Report - The bill of \$18,000 from VYCC was received and paid though Marcy is unsure that's correct. She will find out if there was grant money for this. Another bill was received from Terrain Tek. We have budgeted \$7,000 for the plowing so far this winter have only spent \$625.

Park Management:

Dutch Elm Disease - Last fall Paul Noel and Livy cut some branches and sent them to The Elm Tree Institute. There was one positive result and one inconclusive result. These trees donated to park. They are highly resistant to Dutch Elm Disease and have lifetime warranty. Affected trees can be replaced at no charge with a sapling though we would be responsible for shipping, which is \$35, or go to Keene N.H. and pick up the sapling. Livy got a letter regarding the park becoming a "test plot" to inoculate trees to kill the fungus. The fungicide is not guaranteed, it would need multiple applications and we need to excavate the roots. For these reasons, Livy doesn't want to go further with this. Nothing can be done now and in the spring we can hire an arborist to check out remaining spring and/or cut the diseased ones. An arborist can do a free evaluation of our trees and give us advice on what we need to get rid of and what and how to prune the remaining elms. Livy will call an arborist and let us know what transpires.

Broken Picnic Table - It has been in pavilion for a while and Neil will be asked to fix it.

Mowing Bid- It's time to get that out. We spoke about changing our purchasing plan so the bid would cover 2 years. We also talked about the fact that our bid process doesn't include a contract and perhaps we should have one. We considered asking for a month notice either if we don't like them or if they don't like us. We will all look at the current purchasing plan and we will make that decision next meeting.

Sports - Andy send an email to all coaches asking not to advertise until their and payment forms are in. So far we haven't received any money for the fields.

Publicity - We can use Survey Monkey and as long as it's not too elaborate and there are no more than 10 questions it's free. We can have a table at each location at Town Meeting. We will get banners printed at Staples as long as the cost is less than \$200.

Trail Consultant - Josh Ryan has been recommended. He has a lot of experience with trail work and maintenance. At the next meeting we can talk about moving forward with the trail work.

Meeting adjourn at 8:22