

# Community and Economic Development Committee

Minutes of the July 11, 2016 meeting

## Unapproved

1. Meeting called to order by Mary Grant at 7:10 pm in the Community Building kitchen.
2. Present: Carrie Peters (PC rep.), Kitty Diggins (Lister rep), Mary Grant (select board rep), Shawn Stetson (GVFD) and Paul Berlejung (recreation committee rep).
3. Motion to approve the minutes of the May 4, 2016, meeting; seconded; discussion; and passed.
4. Motion to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2016, minutes; seconded; discussion - Mary said the bid for the kitchen had not been put out for bid on June 6 but would be put out soon.
5. Presentation, hard copies (attached) and discussion of the Recreation Committee's Capital Improvement Plan.
  - a. The community building gymnasium. Needs two new clear basketball backboards; new nets; spring-loaded rims; new basketballs; a PA system; new tables and chairs; children's indoor play equipment; and loaner fishing equipment. Cost - \$1,769 but does not include the cost of new tables and chairs. Mary said two tables are being bought each year and there is a need for 37.
  - b. Veteran's Memorial Park - ADA compliant picnic table; realign the two benches; and American flag bunting. Mary said a cross walk will be painted near the park when the side walk work is done. Cost - \$457.
  - c. Veteran's Memorial Park playground. Needs exterior basketball back board, rim and net; and pea gravel. Cost - \$441.
  - d. Frost field. Benches will need to be replaced in the near future.
  - e. Puffer field. Needs new benches; home plate; one base pad; and new pitching mound rubber; and purchase a new portable ice skating rink. Cost - \$495. Mary said the status of drinking alcohol should be looked into and if prohibited by the deed to the town prohibits alcohol on the field the fact should be posted at the field. Mary also said the field needs lighting.
  - f. New park at old GMP dam site. The recreation committee will take the lead on the transfer of the site to the town.
6. The next meeting will be a 7 pm on August 1, 2016, in the kitchen with the Library making their presentation.
7. The Historical Society is scheduled to present in September.
8. The meeting adjourned at 7:35.

Respectfully submitted by Paul Berlejung

# Capital Improvement Plan

## Recreation committee

July 11, 2016

Committee chair: Kristian Connolly; members: Anne Hatch; H. Paul Berlejung; Summer Currier; Nancy Vaughan; Lisa Hart; Janet Page; and Deborah Connolly.

This is an inventory of recreation-related sites and activities in Groton, VT. It sets out the future needs of those sites and activities. The committee has neither been budgeted the fiscal resources nor do the members have the time to take on most of the tasks which are the responsibility of the select board. Respectfully submitted, H. Paul Berlejung

### I. Community Building gymnasium.

1. Two 72" x 42" x 1/2" clear fiberglass backboards - \$1,680 plus cost of installation
2. Four (red, white and blue) basketball nets for gymnasium - \$38
3. Two spring loaded basketball rims - \$76
4. Four basket balls (should buy four each year to replace the old and failing ones) - \$60
5. 450 watt amplifier system for exercise events in gymnasium - \$109
6. Indoor hockey nets - will need to be replaced down the road
7. Six foot tables - even the newest ones should be replaced with plastic ones with Community Club funds
8. Metal folding chairs - all should be replaced with Community Club funds
9. Children's indoor play equipment to start an open gym program - \$750 (will also require storage space on the stage)
10. Loaner fishing equipment - \$150

### II. Veterans Memorial Park

1. Possible ADA compliant picnic table - \$400
2. Realign two benches to face the gazebo and not the bushes
3. Three pleated American flag bunting for gazebo (each year) - \$57
4. Cross walk between park and Artesano. Select board involvement with state
5. \$300 for tree removal in 2009

### III. Veterans Memorial Park playground

1. Outdoor basketball back board
2. Pea gravel - several yards
3. Rim for backboard - \$29
4. Needs outdoor basketball net - \$12
5. Resealing of basketball court is holding up - cost \$420 in 2009 from the committee's reserve fund.
6. Swings, etc. The a-frame swing structure was from the Groton school so it is at least 50 years old. It was repainted seven years ago. The monkey bars, basketball goal, etc., cost about \$5,000 and were installed in 2009. Paid from the committee's reserve fund.

IV. Frost field. Benches are warping and will need to be replaced within several years.

### V. Puffer field

1. Needs benches for home and away teams
2. Needs spectator bench down third base line

3. Needs home plate - \$25
4. Needs one base pad - \$40
5. Needs a new pitching mound rubber - \$30
6. 32' x 56' portable ice skating rink - prices range from \$300 - \$500

VI. New park - old dam site owned by GMP. The committee will represent the town in discussions with GMP, the Vermont River Conservancy and others about the transfer of the site to the town.

1. Costs related to the purchase land at the old dam site owned by GMP - unknown.
2. Bridge from Peter Paul House to town owned property on south side of Wells River- unknown.
3. ADA compliant picnic table for old dam site - \$400
4. Assessed at \$64,000 which would be a tax loss of \$2,600

VII. Funded past and present committee activities. Strikethroughs indicate the activity is no longer occurring.

1. ~~Fall foliage foot race~~
2. Ireland cement mixer
3. ~~Music In The Park~~
4. Women's floor hockey
5. Zumba
6. ~~Coed pick-up basketball~~
7. ~~Halloween program~~
8. ~~Spanish~~
9. ~~Fishing derby~~
10. ~~Fall foliage decorations~~
11. ~~Winter craft program~~
12. Coed outdoor Bootcamp
13. ~~Blood drive~~
14. ~~Yoga~~
15. CPR (possible for 2017)
16. ~~Swimming lessons~~ (possible for 2017)