

Bantam Civic Association

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Bantam Civic Association Minutes

February 1, 2023

The regular monthly meeting of the Bantam Civic Association was called to order at 5:00 p.m. at The Bantam Borough Hall by Paul Griffen, President

Members Present: Dick Sheldon, Kim Griffen, Val Caron, Jeanie Sanford, Lauren Sage, Kyle Towne, Jane Golding, Katie Lapointe, Terry Szymanski, Jeff Porter, and John Mckenna

Public: Lisa Partrick

Previous Minutes: Minutes from December's meeting were presented. A Motion to approve the minutes made by Dick and 2nd made by Lauren. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Input: Paul introduced Lisa Partrick from the Northwest Bank to give a check from their grant application submitted from the Civic Association for funds to help improve the Alain White Field. Paul explained the help with this check will add activities for kids and adults plus play equipment. Lisa added another time to submit an application will be February 15th to April 1st 2023. The decision will be decided on May 15th, 2023.

Treasurer's Report: Jeanie reported the amount balance that is in the account is \$15,000.

Donations Flyer and Letter Status: Paul explained to the board that some of the flyers and letters are being mailed and also for Lauren and Kim who are stopping and visiting business owners to explain our fundraiser. Lauren informed the board all the business she had stopped gave very good support. Hopefully the donations will start to come in.

Continuing Work at the Fields: Paul informed the board that the clearing the brush is still in the works and if anyone has time to help when they can. The old playground equipment is still being looked at to save this. Also the new playground equipment is ready to purchase from a company from Massachusetts. Paul also explained where the new equipment will be placed. A discussion on getting the field ready was talked about but not till probably March. Paul explained about the Lacrosse practice wall is in need of repair. Jeff explained that they will recap and paint the wall to upgrade it and keep as they can practice against it.

Discuss designated areas for activities: A discussion on different areas of interest from parking, playground, farmers market, soft ball, car show and more as this field gets more Improved. Dick explained he has talked to some people who do a farmer's market and look forward to being at the Alain White Field. The time will be probably Friday afternoon from 2pm-7pm weekly. Dick will also get the permit to hold a farmer's market. We will also work with social services to help out as well. It will start June 15th to October 15th, 2023. The time will be probably Friday afternoon's from 2pm-7pm weekly. Jane explained how she did a soil test and handed out the results. It was discussed that the field will need lime. Kyle explained what can be done as well to improve the field as needed. More on the clearing for adding more parking and clearing the area's as needed.

Rental Fees: A discussion about different fees for activities would be based on the amount of hours, size of event, space needed and days. Paul will still work on the fees and come up a plan and bring back at our next meeting.

Signs: Paul has talked to Rowland from the boy scouts that they are getting the material list and will get back to him soon. Katie offered to check on getting a sign made for the field as well.

Any Other Business: A discussion on changing the lights at the field to LED. Lauren talked to an electrician friend and was suggested to call Eversource and they might still have a program that would help. Paul will give them a call. Dick will still contact Josh Wilcox to see where we stand to getting gutters on the pavilion. Lauren also had a friend that put the flyer on the website.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn at 5:59 made by Lauren and 2nd made by Dick.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Griffen
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