

Bantam Civic Association

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Bantam Civic Association Minutes

May 3, 2023

The regular monthly meeting of the Bantam Civic Association was called to order at 5:03 p.m. at The Bantam Borough Hall by Paul Griffen, President

Members Present: Kim Griffen, Lauren Sage, Jane Golding, Val Caron, Katie Lapointe, Terry Szymanski, Michael Lyn Capello, John (JJ) Annable, Wendy Westcott

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

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report passed around for review.

Continuing Work at the Fields

Paul looking for date, crew for playground equipment installation. Clear area first, cement footing holes required for size and weight. Letter presented, written to BCA by Dick Sheldon in absentia, re proposal of Friendship Baptist Church group to weed wack, clear scrub and possibly remove small stumps.

Michael Lyn Capello offers to approach husband/crew which (supervised and insured) to install. Will bring instructions for them to review and bring response to following meeting.

After discussion of high costs of the church group, Jane makes motion not to go along with church group at this time. Val seconds, passes unanimously.

(Since this meeting Warden Dick Sheldon has decided to pay the church group with ARP funds)

Farmer's Market:

Katie Lapointe: A few more spots left to fill for market beginning June 2, 4-7pm. Setting up sandwich boards w list of vendors, emails going out and website going up. No food trucks at this time, discussion. Permitting through Litchfield, Health Dept guidelines. One craft brewery approved by Litchfield town, insurance by town clear- brewery ok so long as no alcohol served. Norbook applied to market, Katie running approval by BCA.

Grants Update Lauren completed and submitted application w Union Savings for playground. Bank makes decision June 3. Time frame to use proceeds if approved, one year. Kim and Lauren working on more grants.

Signs Update etc:

Paul- signs in. Val put up chains between cement pillars. Paul would like to mark " NO PARKING IN FRONT OF GATE" on chain at the end of parking lot. Info going on Kiosk- copy of rules, contact information, Fundraiser flyer, calendar of events forthcoming.

Non-Profit use of Field Dick Sheldon's letter also refers to his view of no charge for no-profit use. Discussion of free use of park on case-by-case basis Katie suggests. A limit of 2-3 for season first come first serve also suggested and established local non-profits given preference. Paul concerned field will become known as freebie to nonprofits which have no local association.

Val states, remember- BCA is non-profit! Table it for next time.

Other business:

None

Adjournment: 6:09 motion called to adjourn by Wendy 2nd by Katie

Respectfully submitted.

Wendy Westcott

05/15/2023
