

Bantam Civic Association

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Bantam Civic Association Minutes

Wednesday September 6 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, Jeanie Sanford, Lauren Sage, Jane Golding, Katie Lapointe, Wendy Westcott, JJ Annable, Val Caron

Previous Minutes: August minutes were presented. A Motion to approve the minutes made by Jane and 2nd made by Val. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: passed around. Finances healthy

Discussion with Rowan, schedule, approval and sign off of his Eagle Scout Project:

Rowan reintroduced. He thanks BCA. Presented a binder with detailed records of tasks, plan, photos, etc. passed around to all members. He states they cleared most of field. Has put 336 total hours so far into the project. 91 hours on actual project, 42 hours on planning, 51 hours on writeup and documentation. 181 hours manwork. He submits application for approval in front of group of local Govt officials, Scout and community leaders. Members gave Rowan round of applause and thanks. Dick makes motion to approve Rowan's project, Jane seconds. Paul signs off a letter of satisfaction.

Discussion of removing wall and who will work on taking it down. General park clean up:

Paul: will work on removing bottom portion of wall first. Net will need Jeff's input. Need volunteers. Hard to get people to show up to do the work. Jeff says willing to help take it down. Dick, Jane available. Caution needed: bees in top. Wood Demo/dumpster? It was suggested by Katie it be burned- practice for local fire dept drill? No word on straightening up pavilion, gravel. At this point, clean up and other projects can be completed after park closes in October.

Status of Grant applications, quotes for equipment, materials:

Lauren grants apps for Northwest Foundation Asking for input on more playground equipment? \$5000 is current total which includes adult equipment. Her ideas for additional would be up to \$20k. Paul- keep to reasonable amount- \$5000. If accepted BCA would be expected to cover excess. \$5000 grant amount stays. Noted by all: Playground getting daily use by locals. Possibly consider expanding playground next year to include more area and ultimate frisbee, golf. Kim: SeherrThoss Grants. Two separate applications. One for tractor and shed. Second one included picnic tables and wooden fencing at parking lot. Need copies

of estimates. Jane found post and rail fencing – same as White Woods parking lot border fencing-. Hartford Lumber price per 10ft of post and rail section = \$270. Need to measure, figure out how many. Application must be submitted by September 15. Notification of decision by November 15. Another application can be submitted in February. Since meeting, Jane notified members that she called Public Works to see who the vendor was that the Town used. That is Frankson Fence Company in North Haven. She talked to the sales rep and is waiting for quote.(material and also installation if we want). We would also have to figure in removal of present barriers and renting an auger if we do the installation

DiGrassi Funds Update:

Dick- Will provide total available to BCA when he knows. Mrs Degrassi requested in her will that proceeds be split between Scholarship Fund and BCA. Can be invested but current rate is 5%. Keep in checking account for now. Has to go through audit in Borough's name. Would like to put plaque in her name at park.

Other Business:

Farmer's Market:

Katie:Vendors asking for 10/20 Market to have Halloween theme. Will be last day of market, vendors offering to give out free pumpkins, candy give-away, kids in costumes, make a fundraiser? Help from members. Volunteers needed. Time? 5:30-8. Discussion.

Car show:

Susan Smith approached BCA to have Litchfield Distillery at Car Show. Cannot serve liquor at the park. Paul must deny the request.

Adjournment: 5:57pm A motion to adjourn made by Val and 2nd made by Dick.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Westcott
09/09/2023
