

Bantam Civic Association
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, July 6, 2022 at 7:00 PM

Attendees: Paul Griffen, Kim Griffen, Dick Sheldon, Jane Golding, John (JJ) Annable, Val Caron (?), Wendy Westcott, and new members Terrance (Terry) Szymanski, Kyle Towne, and Suzanne Fox.

Dick shared a brief history of the Alain White Community Field: it was sold for \$1 to the Borough of Bantam by White Memorial Conservation Center in the 1940's. Warren McArthur Co was instrumental in the transaction. Litchfield holds the insurance for the Community Field.

Some income is generated from the property: Lacrosse league leases the playing field, pavilion rentals.

Discussion regarding property maintainance and needed repairs ensued:

- The Civic Association members have been mowing, weed wacking, etc. The zero-turn mower is being repaired. It's very overgrown by the roadside which, likely, has been a factor in vandalism-lights shot out, etc. Cleaning along the roadside to open the view of the property will likely decrease the vandalism and look nicer. Kyle and Terry volunteered to help out.
- The pavilion needs a new roof, new picnic tables, and gravel to replace the grass.

Bantam is receiving American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds of \$107,000. The Civic Association will request funds from that to pay for Community Field repairs/upgrades.

Ideas to increase use of the Field were discussed, particularly holding a farmer's market there-group was very supportive of that idea, dog park was mentioned.

The attending members nominated and voted for officers for the Bantam Civic Association:
Chairman: Dick Sheldon nominated Paul Griffen, Paul accepted, and was voted in by the group.
Vice-Chairman: Paul Griffen nominated Dick Sheldon, Dick accepted, and was voted in by the group.
Secretary: position remains open
Treasurer: Jeanie Sanford-standing Treasurer
Clerk: Suzanne Fox (meeting minutes recorder) volunteered and was approved by the group.

Dick will make a request at the Borough meeting for ARPA funds to repair the pavilion: new roof, painting, gutters, gravel, etc. Borough meetings are the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

Next meeting is August 3, 2022 at 5:00 PM at the Field. If there is a lacrosse game, meeting will be held at the Borough Hall.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:03 PM

Attest,
Suzanne Fox
Clerk