

Bantam Civic Association

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Bantam Civic Association Minutes

Wednesday December 6 2023

The regular monthly meeting of the Bantam Civic Association was called to order at 5:01 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, Terry Szymanski, Suzanne Fox, Kyle Towne, Val Caron, JJ Annable
Public: Marc Caron, John McKenna of Litchfield Bz, Waterbury Republic

Previous Minutes: November minutes were presented. A Motion to approve the minutes made by Kim and 2nd made by Dick. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: passed around. Jeannie Sanford presents highlights of budget: Farmer's Market brought in \$3220. (all: kudos to Katie and Dick on their efforts), Sports \$625., field rental \$1650., Sunshine Fun \$1000., Community Donations \$2780., Northwest Community Bank \$2500.

Discuss Tractor, shed and purchasing both

Tractor: Several members expressed preference to wait to obtain additional quotes. Paul asks why hesitation of members to purchase tractor, suggested we had previously agreed Kabota with bucket and backhoe (c \$37,000.) Val inquires what the hurry is, others, Katie, Wendy state we agreed to purchase a tractor but did not agree on the exact model. Val states there is a used John Deere at Goffs w low hours, could get at fraction of this cost. Several members of the association, Jane, Wendy, Katie, suggest exploring options.

Paul makes point we need to grade before fencing is installed. Dick adds there is old buried fencing which is dangerous, should be dug out, etc.

Kyle offered to do grading before fencing is installed.

Shed: Dick got second quote for \$9400. Shed, does not match the current pavilion roof but can accommodate the size of larger tractor, assuming BCA will be purchasing a larger unit. Val: found shed from Kloter Farms matched pavilion. Dick states to order (and in any color to match current red?members suggest) a deposit is required. Can take from DeGrassi fund. Paul would go to Litchfield Building Dept to obtain permit.

Kyle offers to do site work for shed, dig out pad for crushed stone, leave 60ft for parking. Discussion of location of shed. 36' between buildings without affecting Lacrosse shed.

Kim makes motion to agree to purchase the shed for tractor, Dick 2nd & motion was carried, no count.

Status of Grant applications, quotes for equipment, materials:

Scherr Thoss approved the wood fencing and included the new picnic tables. JJ purchasing materials to build tables. Dick is suggesting chainlink fencing for baseball fields if we go back to ScherrToss in January for additional donations. \$16,000. Kim suggests aluminum bleachers as well. Lauren continues to look for local businesses to request donations.

Kyle asks who owns assets if BCA disbands? Assets revert to Borough. Dick will speak to Attorney Andrea Asman to verify, write clarification letter. He will speak to First Selectman Denise Rapp, suggests BCA can cover own insurance under town policy.

Any other business:

Concrete lacrosse wall still option? Follow up with Jeff

Adjournment: 5:55pm A motion to adjourn made by Val and 2nd made by Kim.

Respectfully submitted,



Wendy Westcott

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