

Bantam Civic Association

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Bantam Civic Association Minutes

Wednesday March 6 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Bantam Civic Association was called to order at 5:01 p.m. at The Bantam Borough Hall by Dick Sheldon chairman for President Paul Griffen.

Members Present: Lauren Sage, Jane Golding, Katie Lapointe, Dan “Boomer” Parsons, Terry Szymanski, Kyle Towne, Leslie Caron, John Caron, Val Caron, Jeff Porter, Wendy Westcott

Previous Minutes: February minutes were presented. Lauren makes correction re member vote comment. A Motion to approve the minutes as amended made by Lauren and 2nd made by Val. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: passed around. Account is healthy.

State of current projects

Dick: **Backstop** was completed. Good job.

Atlas fencing coming soon, weather contingent. Huge debt of gratitude to Kyle for bringing his crew out, removing old railing and grading site for new fence. Boomer: as 510c3 provide tax donation for Kyle’s work for this amount of work provided? All agree. Dick – last year Paul suggested having picnic for Terry and Kyle.

Shed: Assume it is ready. No bill for storage. Waiting for weather to order delivery.

Picnic Benches: status TBD JJ process of making

Another other projects?

Dick suggests new base under pavilion would be great to have completed before Farmer’s Market and everyone’s use.

Fields: Little League has interest in using from time to time. Dick proposes clean up baseball path, new bases and pitcher’s rubber, home plate? Less than \$250 expense. Leslie: How do you protect from being lost/stolen? Jane: what would it take to make the field passable? General question of how much to spend vs how much field is being used. Encourage more people to use/help. Leslie: Contact w Tritown Baseball sign ups last week. Lauren: Litchfield P&Rec wants to start Softball.

Kyle: Town stockpiled clay when they redid fields a couple years – sitting there, suggestion- maybe Michael Lyn can talk to Public Works to see if we can use for baseball field. Expensive would be great to have it.

Lacrosse. Jeff: Schedule: M-Th for practice addressing field, weekends for games. Starts First of April ish to end of May first week June.

Rebound wall- wait til weather dries up to address.

Dick: asks board how everyone feels about renting a tractor for a day? Take down wall, a lot of fallen limbs to remove.

Terry: A lot of that stuff has to be cleaned up first- stuff you don't need tractor for. Spring cleanup leaves and debris first. Piles left to be removed.

Dick, Terry, members: will have to have a dumpster for wall anyway can be used for other stuff.

Boomer: re spring field work for fields for Lacrosse, flags to identify stones to be dug/crowbarred out. Tractor may do too much damage, may not be needed for all stones.

Val: Terry's son has machine to service. New blades should be installed.

Dick: everyone thinking about new mower. Need second mower. Appreciate Jane using her mower, great but Boomer: we should be able to sustain fields ourselves. Need back up mower. Old one as back up. Can be used when volunteer members have time. Size and cost.

Val: 72" Hustler from Goff's \$7300.

The guys who know mowers/Kyle, Terry, Val etc come up with figures for right machines, bring back for discussion. Val: Can Terry's son suggest what we need and price a machine for us?

Update From ByLaws Subcommittee:

Jeff: Made good progress. Next meeting Monday. Should wrap it up in one to two meetings. Bring new bylaws to meeting to review.

Status of Grants

Application with NW Community Bank. \$4500. To apply to \$2000. In our treasurer account add to this for playground. Results announced in May. Thomaston Savings new rule. No bank in town, no grants. NWCT Foundation Torrington in April application. CT Community Foundation in Waterbury, must fit category: found health, environment and justice category, looking for diversity. Not a fit.

Webster Bank in Kim's absence- Lauren states: also looking for diversity.

Seherr Thoss- Kim put in for \$16k for pavilion and bleachers.

Public input and correspondence: None

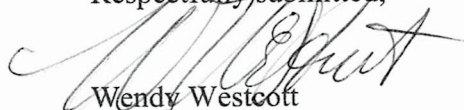
Any other business:

New logo ideas for Letterhead and signage at Paul's request. Wendy passes rough drafts around to everyone. Asks for comments, suggestions. Will email an attachment to everyone, looking for ideas. Boomer, had a logo in stuff that was filed?

Farmer's Market Katie: begins 5/17. A lot of new vendors. Almost full. She is going to New Haven for Farmer's Mkt Manager's meeting to get CT Grown Certified. More advertising provide w CT Grown Certified. Mailing going out w Kay Carol of Litchfield Farmer's Mkt.

Adjournment: Dick: Nothing further, motion to adjourn? Leslie makes motion to adjourn. Jeff seconds.

Respectfully submitted,



Wendy Westcott

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