

**Preston Parks & Recreation Commission  
Special Meeting  
Tuesday, January 31, 2023  
Preston Town Hall  
7:30 pm**

**Call to Order/Roll**

Chairman Mikel Brockway called the meeting to order at 7:36 pm

**Members present:** Mikel Brockway, Dan Coley, Gary Deveau, Katie Iozzia, Tom Wilbur

**Members excused:** Holly Gorman, Danielle Wilcox

**Members absent:**

**Alternates present:** Roberta Charpentier

**Also present:** Amy Brosnan, Director, Roberta Charpentier, recorder

**Public Comment**

None

**Meeting Minutes:**

**December 6, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes**

**A motion was made by D. Coley and seconded by G. Deveau to accept the December 6, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented.**

**All in favor. Motion carries**

**Treasurer's Report:**

**A motion was made by G. Deveau and seconded by D. Coley to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented.**

**All in favor. Motion carries.**

**Correspondence Received/Sent Out: For Review**

- a) Received budget request from Financial Director
- b) Received calendar of upcoming budget meetings
- c) Sent BoF bid waiver request to purchase mower

**Unfinished Business**

**Remembrance & Recognition of Tom Turner Park**

Chairman Brockway stated that due to the rain, it will be a Spring project

**Park Maintenance and Development**

**General maintenance updates**

- Trash cans were filled because people go to the Park to clean out their cars.
- A. Brosnan noted that residents should contact her if the garbage gets full instead of posting it on the Community Face Book page.

### **ARPA funded projects**

- BoS approved request to purchase Kubota mower
- Getting quotes on cameras
- Roof replacement will go out to bid

### **Membership & Elections:**

**Open positions: (2) Regular Member & (1) Alternate Member**

### **Programs & Activities Update**

- Planning hockey game field trip
- Senior bus trips to Providence
- Chair yoga
- Men's basketball
- Volleyball
- Youth basketball is halfway through the season

### **Community Events**

- Planning clean up weekend

### **Preston Little League Update**

- Currently 76 have registered
- Planning a T-Ball field

### **New Business**

- **2023-2024 Budget**  
Discussion;

Commission members discussed the salaries of the Town's maintenance employees. Parks & Rec Commission members felt that maintenance is underpaid but were instructed not to adjust salaries. The Commission also noted that there has been an increase in usage of the Park, so an increase in hours for maintenance is needed.

**A motion was made by D. Coley and seconded by G. Deveau to approve requesting an additional \$2,000 for maintenance, bringing the total to \$25,000; all other line items will remain the same and request an additional 160 hours for maintenance sending the 2023-2024 budget request to the Board of Finance for approval.**

**All in favor. Motion carries**

### **Public Comment**

None

### **Adjournment**

**A motion was made by D. Coley and seconded by G. Deveau to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 pm. All in favor. Motion carries.**

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Respectfully submitted,

*RT Charpentier*

Roberta Charpentier

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On 2/7/2023 At 10:03 a.m.  
Attest: Jill E. Keith, Town Clerk