

11 January 2016 MANCHESTER PARKS BOARD MEETING MINUTES - CQNC

Chairman Ellen Rugumer called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. Those in attendance were Board members Vince DePalmer, Barb Trump, Tom Smith, Ellen Frey, Lynne Sneeringer, Robin Fishpaw, Bill Skinner, Donna Davis, volunteer Tom Smith, Councilperson Debbie Howe, and guest Steve Miller, Town Manager.

Well Report: Town Manager Steve Miller provided a report on water quality testing of the well identified as a possible water supply for the nature center. Some highlights from the report:

PH is low at 5.0. Total Coliform:2.0. No E. Coli present. Some sediment. Yield of 11 gal/minute. Keeping in mind that the well has been unused for 15 years, the results indicate that it is feasible for us to move forward with gathering cost estimates for hook-up. He estimates approx. \$7,000 for electric and running pipes. Town staff is also working with a surveyor to address CCHD concerns that the well lines would cross several parcels (all owned by the Town) to reach the NC building. CC Health Dept. said at present, the well can only be used for agriculture, ie: not drinking. Can check for potability, but may have to add some type of disinfection like UV.

Minutes: no November minutes

Treasurer Report: checkbook balance \$7,940. Plus \$591.50 when Town reimbursement for naturalist salary is received. \$1,125. Income from Sherrys programs \$2,225 salary.

PR: no report

Naturalist Report: Naturalist Sherry Fisher-Cole expressed concern to a Board member that the NC floor is chipping and there are mold stains on the ceiling. Ellen Rugumer suggested The Board organize a painting party to do repairs this spring.

Elections: Bill Skinner accepted nomination to continue as Vice-chair, Donna Davis accepted as Secretary. Marcia Bogash resigned as Treasurer, but will continue as PR coordinator. Lynne Sneeringer accepted the nomination to serve as Treasurer for one year. This will put the term of the Treasurer position back in line with the Chairs term, so that there will be only two executive positions coming to full-term in the same year. Ballots were provided to members for voting. Write-ins also invited. By majority vote, all nominees above were elected.

Programs: Ellen Rugumer and Travis Rugumer conducted a first day hike on Jan 1. One other couple joined in with their child.

2016 photo contest: Ellen Rugumer and Marcia Bogash will hatch out the details.

Plant Swap: Barb Trump reported we will have the 2nd community plant swap in Mid-May- please look for stuff for white elephant table.

Springfest: Ellen Frey report that the PTO 4-H Club is not operating a food tent anymore, so we will need a new food vendor. The Board discussed some ideas. Ellen is in process of pulling together the list of potential sponsors. She and Bruce Smith will review the list and asks for Board member to forward sponsor ideas to her. Letters are to go out by end of January.

Telescope: Lynne Sneeringer reported that on June 3 Saturn will be close to the earth and fully illuminated by the sun. Will be able to see Saturns rings. Bill Skinner said Bob Clark is planning a viewing event and has announced it to Westminster Astronomical Society. The viewing will take place at CQ From 2 PM until after dark.

Egg Hunt- March 19- Stuff eggs on the 12th.

Facilities: will schedule workday for building repairs in early spring, before Springfest (painting, caulk, etc). Tom Smith reported run-off from the slope below the school grounds is filling in under the bridge in the conifer area

and washing out the trail. On Dec. 18- he found telescope building unlocked. Tom reminded everyone to check locks when at the center.

Old Business: Still need a sign and a name for telescope building.

New Business: Feb and March meetings will be at the Town Hall building

With no other business, motion to adjourn was made by Ellen Frey and seconded by Lynne Sneeringer at 8:35 PM. the meeting adjourned at 8:35PM. The next Board meeting will be Monday, February 8, 7 PM at the Town Hall.

Prepared by Donna Davis, Secretary, 26 January 2016