

**Charlemont Parks & Recreation
September 16, 2024 Meeting Minutes**

Members Present: *Chairman* Mike Hayden, Bill Harker, Tom Shields, Neil Neuhauser and Jackie Cashin.

Members Absent: None

Others Present: None

Call to Order

Parks and Recreation Chairman Hayden called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the previous meetings were reviewed.

Motion to accept: Bill Harker, Second: Neil Neuhauser, and accepted unanimously.

Financial-N/A

Old Business – N/A

Weight stones that were borrowed from the fairgrounds by the Hicks family have not yet been returned. Hayden has been unable to reach them, but he will reach out again to see if they will return them to the fairgrounds.

New Business/Discussion-N/A

Berkshire East Bike event payment is slated for September 20 and 21: The Bike event organizers have paid for the first event they had at the fairgrounds this summer. Payment for the second event should be settled before the event opens. Hayden will reach out to them for the second payment and will open the bathrooms, stock them and be available for Friday the 20th. Harker will be available on Saturday the 21st.

Lions Club Car Show Invoice and tire clean up: The Lions Club Car Show organizers left tires on the fairgrounds and have not removed them after several attempts to contact them. The Commission will have the tires removed for a charge of \$10 each. The Lions club will be billed for this charge.

Split Rail Fence installation: Several portions of the fence at the fairgrounds will need to be repaired and moved. The Commission has opted to table this work and take up the repairs in the Spring of 2025.

Conway school of Design review: Mike Hayden reported that the Select Board has settled on three repairs to the fairgrounds. First, the construction of bathrooms, second for repairs and improvements to the exhibit hall and finally, addressing parking on the fairgrounds. Hayden reported that bids for the first project will go out in September with the others to follow. To date, the Commission has not been briefed on the repairs and improvements to the fairgrounds. Hayden will reach out to the Select Board and ask for a meeting with our liaison, Kim Blakesly for a briefing on these projects including a timeline and what the members of the Commission are responsible for.

Contact friends of the Fairgrounds for grant Money to purchase small tractor: Hayden will meet with the Friends of the Fairgrounds to discuss the grant of funds for the purchase of a small tractor for the grounds.

Meeting Schedule

The next meeting will be scheduled as required.

Adjournment

Mike Hayden made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:49 P.M. Seconded by Tom Shields and approved by all.

Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Cashin

No inclusions