

RICHMOND BUILDING COMMITTEE 2012

RICHMOND VETERAN'S HALL

August 22, 2014

7:00 PM

Members Present:

Neil Moriarty
John Boccalini
Kim Mattson
Norma Thibodeau

Members Absent:

Sandy Perry

Public: Marcus Beauregard.

No vote will be taken this evening due to a misunderstanding on the date and time of this meeting.

I. Approve Minutes of May 22, 2014:

Tabled until September 25, 2014.

II. Public Comments:

No public comments.

III. Comment from Marcus Beauregard Parks and Recreation Commission Chairman:

Chairman Marcus Beauregard was asked to comment on a piece of Town owned property (Map 201 Lot 5), 46 acres, this piece of property was at one the town fairgrounds/park. It's situated just north of the 4-corners and has road frontage in two locations. Marcus walked the property with one resident and discussed the activities with another resident who remember the park as teenagers. Both gentlemen played baseball between other teams from towns around the area. When he walked the area he was able to find several areas that appeared to have stone formations which were entrances into areas of the park, an old burn pit almost lost to moss growth, food cans and ruminants of the old outhouse.

From his discussions he was told that at one time there was a baseball field, small grandstands with a stage, bathroom facilities (out house) and a concession stand. The area was destroyed in the hurricane of 1938 and the location was abandoned.

This fall (2014) the Conservation Commission will organize a logging operation to harvest the timber that is ready to be taken before it goes beyond its growth and is worthless. Discussion of how the income from the timber would be used included offsetting town taxes, Conservation Commission or the Parks and Recreation Department to help improve the property as a future town park.

The present Amidon Park behind the Fire Station is inadequate as the town has out grown its size. The Amidon Park is made up several pieces of property owned by the Police Department, Fire Department and the Library. The entire piece is 4 acres of which much is wetlands.

When improvements were made to Rt. 119 years ago the stumps and rocks were buried in the back of the park creating

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a stump dump which is deteriorating and sink holes are a safety concern. The field is also used for a helipad in case a medical emergency requires a patient can be airlifted for medical attention. There is no running water or bathroom facility for the general public on a daily basis. This year the Parks and Recreation Commission moved in a port-a-potty to help with that problem. The present Park allows for parking of vehicles or an organized activity but with the size you can not run a larger activity and have parking.

Marcus has tried to find photos and it was suggested that the Grange Hall in Swanzy Center may have some since originally they ran the park.

The long term vision: to slowly develop the old fairgrounds/park to allow for trails a general field for playing, pavilion (similar to the one build by volunteers behind the fire station), running water and seasonal facilities. This would be open to the public and would allow an area for organized activities and ample parking. The property does have wetlands scattered about that would need to be taken into consideration but bridges and such could eventually be erected.

This present park locaiton and the surrounding property could become an area for the town's emergency municipalities. The present pavillion could be put to excellent use by the Fire and Police Departments allowing safe and secure cold storage for their rescue equipment.

This is in the beginning planning phase and after the logging is completed the Parks and Recreation Commssion can get a better idea of the lay of the land and present something to the town at the March 2015 Town Meeting.

The 2012 Municipal Building Committee will keep in touch with the Parks and Recreation Commission.

IV. Building Activity:

Tabled until the next meeting.

V. Request for Assistance of building design form Keene State. (Neil Moriarty):

With Keene State just coming back Neil didn't have a chance to discuss with they college if they could assist the town.

VI. Anything else the committee would like to discuss:

Update on the 4-corners location: The contractors dug 16" down which was 3" further then they had anticipated the removed 100 tons of contaminated soil and their estimate originally was for 60 tons. The contamination is under Rt. 119 and under the location of the store. The contractors went as far as they felt comfortable without harm to the existing structure or rt. 119.

Update on Map 408 Lot 49: The Committee will start discussion for the purchase of part or all of Map 408 Lot 49 (which surrounds the back of the Veterans Hall) this would allow of expansion of the Veterans Hall instead of a new municipal building which was slated for the future. This piece of property has a small amount of road frontage on Rt. 32 and 365" of frontage on Bullock Road which would allow a second egress from the Veterans Hall. This property would allow for a play ground in a more visible location for children. Neil Moriarty will contact the present owner and discuss the possibility of purchase. A wetland walk and a walk with the Conservation

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Commission to look over the timber which appears to be young growth.

John Boccalini made a motion to adjourn. Kim Mattson seconded. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carries.

Meeting adjourned @ 7:55.

Respectfully submitted,

Kandace Mattson