

# **Kenndey Park Committer October 12, 2023**

**Present:** Bob Coakley, Ruth Wheeler, Tom Roche, Luke Martin, Ray Kirby. **Absent:** Terry Weaver, Sue McNinch, Andrew Breslin. DPW Chief Billy Gop and Chris Ketchen chief administrative officer and Gwen Miller were also present.

Call to order at 8:30 am

**Minutes of April 13, 2023** accepted

**Treasurer's Report:** see attached accounting.

**Trail maintenance report:** Ray has continued to smooth out eroded sections of trail. Many blowdowns were cut by Eric and Art Stringer. The park survived the summer rains well. Ray reported he placed a garbage can at the water tank. It has been helpful in decreasing the amount of garbage in the cans at the belvedere.

**Cold Spring Post and Fence replacement:** A huge tree destroyed 6 sections of split rail fence as well as the sign pole. It should be replaced to keep people back from the water. The materials were quoted at \$67.76 for each section = \$400.07. A motion was made and approved to spend the money. Bill Gop said before we hire someone, he will look at it and see if the DPW can fix, otherwise he will hire someone.

**Fence replacement at the Belvedere:** Bill Gop reported they are fixing it today.

**Baker's pond reeds:** Chris Ketchen said we can continue to look into it

**Loop Trail Work at Bakers Pond area:** there is a huge deep washout on the Loop trail caused by the runoff from Rt7 and 20 as well as a gigantic tree just past that. Bill Gop said that constructing a bridge is beyond the scope of the DPW and Wheeler said the tree would need to be removed by a professional. Wheeler felt it wasn't worth the effort to fix or make a go-around since that area receives all the runoff from the highway. The Cross Trail would be a good alternative, but it needs some tread hardening to dry it out.

**Old business:** Luke proposed putting a bench somewhere in the park (5 corners?) with a plaque on it for Joe Nolan. A motion was made and accepted. Wheeler will investigate.

**New business:** Bob Coakley announced he is retiring from the committee after 55 years of service (since 1968!!). He first joined when it was still the Parks and Rec. In May of 1975 the town voted to appoint a committee of not less than 5 or more than 9 members. See attached announcement.

Wheeler was nominated to be chairperson and somewhat reluctantly accept the chairmanship with the caveat that its not a lifetime appointment...

Next meeting is April 11, 2024, at 8:30 am. Tom Roche and Luke both mentioned they find the morning meetings convenient. Meeting adjourned at 9 am. Ruth Wheeler secretary

**Kennedy Park @ 10/12/23**

	Trust	Kennedy Park	Overlook	Total
Balance @ 07/01/23	\$12,272.45	\$47,356.62	\$5,490.00	\$65,119.07
Revenue:				
Donations		\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00
Interest Earned 2024	\$55.27			\$55.27
Total Revenue	\$55.27	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,055.27
Expenses:				
		\$0.00		\$0.00
		\$0.00		\$0.00
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		\$0.00		\$0.00
Total Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Balance @ 10/12/23	\$12,327.72	\$48,356.62	\$5,490.00	\$66,174.34

<b><u>Summary</u></b>	<b><u>Balance</u></b>
Kennedy Park Overlook Donations (Fund 18)	\$5,490.00
Kennedy Park Donations (Fund 18)	\$48,356.62
Kennedy Park (Fund 81)	\$12,000.00
Kennedy Park (Fund 82)	\$327.72
	<b>\$66,174.34</b>

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JOHN DRUMMOND KENNEDY PARK RESTORATION COMMITTEE:

Annual Town Meeting --- 2 May 1975:

Article 9: Selectmen to appoint a committee of not less than 5 or more than 9 members to be known as "The John Drummond Kennedy Park Restoration Committee" to administer the gift accepted under Article 8.

Town accepted the gift of \$12,000 --- 2 May 1975  
Board appointed a committee --- 15 May 1975  
Board held an organizational meeting --- 28 May 1975

"The Committee will administer the funds received from John Kennedy in accordance with the terms of his will. Said committee is to preserve the principal of the funds and to use only the interest for the installation and repair of trails, walkways, bicycle and bridle paths in the park."