

## Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting

Thursday August 20, 2015

### Present:

Kelly Stewart

Mike Allocco

Mike Lonergan

Katie Wittemore

Rick Reynolds

### Discussion:

Councilwoman Stewart discussed plans for a town park on the former Hawkwood property on Route 50 at Middleline Rd. Items included need for a parking lot, securing archeological structures, the easement language restricting activities on the property and trails. Rick Reynolds, town historian, gave a presentation about the property. He discussed the possibility of an archeological “dig” assisted by the state archeologist and involving town residents. No further progress can be made until the property is transferred to the town.

Katie Wittemore brought to the attention of the committee concerns from residents using Reita St. park in Carpenter’s Acres. Some of the equipment is in need of repair and the residents would like to see upgrades. Mrs. Stewart will visit the park and discuss with the highway supervisor.

Councilwoman Stewart expressed the need for additional members on the committee and asked members to encourage others to join.

Councilwoman Stewart explained the status of Jenkins Park as a special park district and discussed the possibility of converting the park to a town park. She explained the basic legal and economic issues and said that the idea needs to go through a legal review, a public comment and input process, and a referendum.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30.