

**MANCHESTER PARKS FOUNDATION
Board Meeting
November 1, 2010**

Present: Justin Watts, Sharon Hughes, Marcia Bogash, Bill Skinner, Ellen Rugemer, Ellen Frey, Barbara Trump, Donna Davis

Guest: Maryanne Turner

Town of Manchester: Doug Myers

Volunteer: Tom Smith

Meeting called to order at the Town Office by Chairperson Sharon Hughes at 7:07 PM.

Minutes: Passed as presented. Motion by Ellen Frey, seconded by Justin Watts.

Treasurer's Report: Passed as presented. Motion by Marcia Bogash, seconded by Barbara Trump.

Public Relations: There will be a new fox in the exhibit. The old one will remain since it was a 4H project.

Nominating Committee: Ellen Frey presented the ballot.

Programs for 2011:

- **Easter Adventure: April 16**
- **Benefactors Picnic...September 11th from 3-5**
Covered dishes plus fried chicken
- **Spring Fest Meeting: Sponsor letters will go out soon. Kids Corral...Justin will take care of getting volunteers for this area.**
50/50 raffle will be held again
Information sheets will be available at Easter Adventure

Marcia and Barbara will look into purchase of banner for table for exhibits

The Nature Center will have a booth at the Fire Hall Black Friday Event. Doug will arrange for table. Marcia and Barbara will design and manage the booth.

Facilities:

- **Building floor was washed, sanded, rinsed and swept..Everything is loaded in the POD. Painting of floor is scheduled for November 7th. The move back into building is scheduled for November 14th. Sherry's things are in the new shed. Barbara Trump suggested that things be gone through and discarded if not used. All present agreed. Tom Smith will hold the agreement on the POD until pick-up day.**
- **Mower will be serviced as needed again this year.**
- **There was a recent dig and both elementary schools had attendees.**
- **Pavilion...the builder will be sent a letter from the Town that if he does not give a start date that the pavilion will go out for rebids.**
- **Mary Hoy working with the schools as a Resource Naturalist Teacher for outreach.**
- **Since the Tree Planting Tom Smith has removed rocks that were discarded and mulched around the trees. He has cleared the Trails of downed branches and they are in good shape.**
- **Tom expressed concerns about people living adjacent to the Park using the Park as a dump site. He will bring this subject up at the Town Meeting scheduled for November 9th. He has hauled out tires, refrigerators and assorted other items. He also expressed concerns about the dumping of grass clippings and leaves. Doug Myers volunteered to police the area and discuss these concerns with Steve Miller to see if it could be handled in a non-confrontational manner.**
- **Water Pump: Bill Skinner put in a new foot valve and adapter. He feels that this will work but is not going to do anything further at the present time.**
- **Building: There is rot around the base. We need to explore grant money to fix the building. Base boards need to be replaced especially at the front and back doors. Exterior of building needs to be repainted this Spring. The building sits right on the concrete and Bill feels that rain gutters and drain tiles might help this problem. Options will be explored. Bill will pull off the front board to see how bad the problem is.**
- **Tom Smith expressed concern about the temperature in the building on the day of the floor painting. Ellen Rugemer said that she will check the temperature and if needed will put the heat on the Friday night before the painting.**
- **First Aid Kits: Need to be updated this Spring.**
- **Fire Extinguishers were checked this week.**

Old Business:

Ellen Rugemer will check into having more touchy type things for the kids when they come to the Center.

New Business:

- **Marcia Bogash introduced Maryanne Turner who is interested in coming on the Board.**

Meeting Adjourned at 8:40PM

Submitted: Marcia Bogash, Secretary