

**Town of Auburn
Board of Selectmen
Site Walk
Wayne Eddows Memorial Fields
July 31, 2019**

Selectmen Present: Richard Eaton; Keith Leclair

Others Present: Zach Eaton, Parks & Rec Commissioner; Mike Dobmeier, Parks & Rec Facilities Manager; Amy Lachance, Parks & Rec Coordinator; John Kenyon; Chris Kenyon; Will Dreckmann

Mr. R. Eaton called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm

Mr. Z. Eaton began the meeting discussing the mowing of the fields at Wayne Eddows. He had concerns with the lack of weedwacking and bagging the grass. Mr. Kenyon said bagging the grass is not in the contract. Ms. Lachance will confirm. If not in current contract, it should be added to the 2020 contract.

Mr. Leclair also had concerns that there have been occasions where the fields look like they were not mowed or areas were missed. Mr. Kenyon said they take pictures after each visit and have GPS records that can be available to verify.

The brush hog has been done. It is in the contract for once a year. That will need to be updated in the 2020 contract for twice a year. Once in late spring and once towards the end of August. Maybe even go a bit deeper into the woods.

The discussion continued on to the grass length on the baseball/softball fields. Per the contract, the infield should be mowed at 2 ¼" per Little League regulations. Little League season is done by mid-June. Mr. Kenyon said the commercial mowers don't go that short and has been mowing at 3". Add to the required grass heights and timeline to the 2020 contract.

The discussion moved on to the soccer field. The concern is that the goals and bleachers are not always moved during the mowing. Mr. Kenyon stated that it is not in the contract to move nets. He said they will tip/move the nets and replace the sandbags for the rest of the year but there needs to be a different solution for next year. There were suggestions that either Auburn Soccer Club volunteers or Parks and Recreation staff could move the nets the day before the mowers arrive.

Mr. Kenyon also requested that the sprinklers not run before they arrive. The typical time to mow Wayne Eddows is Thursdays between 7:15 am and noon.

Mr. R. Eaton suggested that the area under the soccer bleachers to be paved so there is no concern to move them to mow in the future.

As for the other properties, Mr. Dobmeier commented that the Appletree/Sun Valley Park isn't looking its best because the clippings have not been bagged. Again, it will need to be confirmed if bagging is in the current contract. If not, that should be added to the 2020 contract.

Meeting adjourned at 5:38 pm