Town of Chichester

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Chichester Board of Selectmen Minutes of Meeting Tuesday September 18, 2018

Members Present: Tom Jameson, Ed Millette, Jodi Pinard Town Administrator and Kristy Barnouski Administrative Assistant

Attendees: Zach Boyijian, Ewen MacKinnon, Jon White, and Ansel Sanborn.

Joint meeting with Parks and Recreation at Carpenter Park-Playgrounds Discussion

Mr. Jameson called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

The Boards met to discuss the report on the two playgrounds done by the Town's insurance company. In the report there are many items that need to be addressed for safety reasons.

Natural Playground and Trail-

Mr. Boyijian stated that he has already taken down several identified rotten trees on the trail and he has identified several others that need to be removed but are too large for the Parks and Recreation Committee to handle. Someone will have to be hired to remove the very large dead trees.

Mr. Boyjian pointed out that a lot of the problems identified in the report are due to surface issues. He stated that there are some woodchips available at the Town Shed for use that could be used as a base layer and then some more can be purchased for the top layers. -The Climing Boulders need to be moved 6ft apart. The Board wanted Mrs. Pinard to ask Primex if the boulders are all touching are they considered to be one structure.

-The Culverts are also listed as an issure also needing to be 6ft apart as well as the logs being spread out. The group will need to make a plan to ensure the culverts do not move or roll if the logs are not there to support them. The stump climber is also listed as a concern. More wood chips will be added for surface but the Board would like to ask Primex how else they recommend addressing this issue.

Large Playground-

The Board discussed that the playground will need to be closed down after the soccer season ends. Many of the issues that the insurance company flagged have no way to address or resolve. The playground has many issues including, head entrapment, sharp edges and surfaces, and handrails and gaps with inappropriate widths.

Mr. White has found someone willing to remove the playground free of charge so it will no longer be a safety concern. It will be removed from the Park before the Haunted Walk in October.

Parks and Recreation has already started raising money for a new playground and the Selectmen's office will raise money at the Haunted Walk. A donation link will be put up on the Town Website.

The Board asked Mrs. Pinard to get more clarification on the Rocks and why they have to be so far apart.

Adjournment

Being no further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Millette and seconded by Mr. Jameson to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 pm. Motion passes.

Respectfully submitted,

Not approved until signed

Kristy Barnouski, Administrative Assistant