

## Kayak/Canoe Trailer Memo

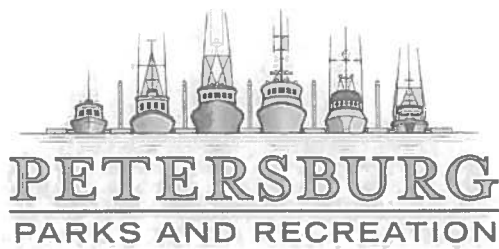
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In last year's budget cycle Karl Hagerman and I began the process of setting aside funds for the purchase of a new Parks and Recreation Van. Our current vehicle is a 1996 15 passenger van that has seen the years and has become a constant maintenance issue. The Motor Pool mechanics have done a fantastic job of keeping it functioning and usable. We have always appreciated their ability to get #17 (the van's ID #) up to speed and back on the road but we knew the time was quickly coming that it would need to be replaced.

A few years ago the previous Director removed #17 from the Motor Pool in an effort to reduce annual replacement contributions. His plan was to use it until it was no longer viable and then budget, or seek grants, for the purchase of another used van for our department. Because I knew that it's time was coming short Karl and I began setting aside \$5000 a year to put towards the purchase of a new van. Next year (fiscal year 2015-16) would have been year two of our 3 year plan and there will be a total of \$10,000 in the motor pool fund for this purchase. When Mountain View Manor was approved for the grants and funding to purchase their new van, Parks and Recreation was approached to see if we were interested in purchasing their old van. The idea was that we would purchase the van for \$8000 from Mountain View Manor and then we would sell #17. This scenario would be a huge upgrade for our department and allow us to allocate replacement funds to the purchase of a Kayak/Canoe Trailer, which is needed by the department.

For some time now I have wanted to have a way to use our two canoes and two kayaks in our programming but have only been able to transport one canoe or Kayak at a time. With the purchase of the trailer we would be able to transport our 4 vessels and have room for two more for the future. While using this trailer for summer camp trips, we can get more of our youth involved, or begin doing excursions with the community. This would be a huge benefit and a better use of our vessels that do not get used as often as they could.



In closing, I would appreciate your support in my request to transfer the old Mountain View Manor Van to Parks and Recreation and to allow the addition of a \$4,000 expense in the FY15 motor pool budget for the purchase of a kayak/canoe trailer.

If you have any questions please feel free to ask.

Thanks for the consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donnie Hayes", is written over a horizontal line.

Donnie Hayes