

## June 17, 2003

Chairman Sheila Anson called the meeting to order at 5:03p.m. noting there is not a quorum.

**Present:** Sheila Anson, Ray Reich, Joan Gauthey, Lisa Easter, Holly Haas, Mary Anne Greene.

### I. OLD BUSINESS:

**a. Beach and Boat Launch:** Ray Reich reported that talks are continuing with the State but nothing new to report. Lisa Easter reported that Jessica Giordano is again this year's beach director and the lifeguards are taking the Bloodborne Pathogen training this evening.

**b. Comfort Station:** Sheila reported that she and Joe Fredlund had another meeting with Linc Cornell to discuss fund raising. She will be working on a written "blurb" that can be used in the fund raising efforts. Anyone interested in helping with this should contact Sheila.

**c. Parent Council/Youth Association:** Lisa reported that an event is scheduled for every Wednesday evening throughout the summer for middle and high school age students - i.e. ultimate Frisbee, trip to Quassy, trip to skateboard park - to name a few.

**d. Old Town Garage Site:** The Parks and Recreation Commission feels that although the Town is waiting for the Plan of Development to be completed, it would like the Town to know it's opinion -that it would be a good spot for athletic fields, particularly soccer.

**e. Baseball/Little League:** Tim Cook not present - no report.

**f. Bike Rodeo:** Lisa reported she has been working with Trooper Steve Sordi on the Bike Rodeo that is scheduled for June 28th from 10:00-2:00 in the Town Hall parking lot/lawn. Steve is organizing demonstrations, activities. Publicity has gone to the Primary School and notices will be posted around town. Bike "safety" will be stressed and demonstrated.

**g. Morning Swim:** There is the possibility of hiring a college student to be a lifeguard at morning swim at Shepaug. This should be worked out by the next meeting.

**h. Coordinator's Report:** Lisa reported that ticket sales for the 4th of July are starting to pick up a little. Camp registrations are going well - 53 students for Session I and 56 for Session II. Courtney Dohman, Summer Rec Director, was meeting with the counselors this evening. She has some new and interesting programs planned. Lisa reported that there are two mornings that Courtney needs a substitute for if anyone is interested. Lisa also reported that Gail Prelli, WPS principal, contacted her regarding meeting with the Superintendent, herself, and Teresa Reutzel (day car provider) about before and after school child care needs. This is being discussed as Shirley Downs is retiring after many years and there may be a large need for this service in Town. Parks and Rec is being asked for it's input.

**i. Fourth of July:** Ray Reich reported that all is running smoothly. Ticket sales are slower than usual but hopeful once school is out and if the sun ever shines for more than a day they will pick up. The larger donations are about on track with previous years. Ray is meeting Friday with Trooper Sordi, and Paul Cullen (Reg. 12 facilities coordinator) to go over parking, etc. Steve Sordi has arranged to have the state Police "Explorers" there for helping with the parking as well as two other troopers and our police officers. Ray will be contacting Hank Ferrence to discuss parking at his farm as well. All other details seem to be in place such as band, music, porta - potties, dumpsters, cleanup, etc. Possibility of notifying high school before it closes to see if anyone would like to help with morning after cleanup as part of his or her community service requirement. Sheila will ask John and Ralph Quist if they would like to sing the National Anthem. There was discussion as to whether or not to give Bantam Ambulance some free tickets for helping out. It was decided not to start "giving" tickets - all Washington rec

workers purchase their own, how do you decide who to give to, etc. Lisa was going to suggest to Steve Wright of Washington Ambulance that if the ambulance association wanted to buy Bantam some tickets as a thank you that would be more appropriate. A camp has contacted the Town Hall re: bringing busses to the fireworks. Calls of this nature should be referred to Ray. It was decided at tonight's meeting that if a camp wishes to bring a bus, they should give a \$150 donation. All is in order for the roadrace the morning of the 4th - Sheila and Joe will set up, Holly will do registration, Steve Haas will do timing. Ray has tee shirts for prizes, also have pens and Sheila and Lisa looking into prize for first place male and female winners (possibly clock).

**II. NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**III. COORDINATOR'S REPORT: Baseball Field plantings:** Lisa reported that Gary Fitzherbert had contacted her re: plantings in outfield of Ted Alex Field. Those present this evening decided it was not a good idea for several reasons. The idea of extending the fence in front of home and visitor fans was also discussed for safety reasons. Those present thought this was a good idea. Ray offered to discuss both matters with Gary.

**West Point Football game:** Holly Haas mentioned that she has heard some interest in going to a game - parade at West Point. Lisa has looked into-thinks may be a problem getting enough people to go for bus. Also, because of high security, wait time to get in could be over 2 hours.

**III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** Sheila, on behalf of the Commission, extended congratulations to all the area students graduating. Special congratulations to Shepaug graduates and all the sports teams that have done a commendable job. Shepaug again received the Michael's Cup award. Also, condolences to John Gueniat on the death of his father.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:55p.m.

**NEXT MEETING: JULY 14, 2003, 7:30P.M.**

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne Greene, Secretary