

October 6, 2003

Chairman Sheila Anson called the meeting to order at 5:05p.m. noting there was not a quorum.

Present: Sheila Anson, Joe Fredlund, Ray Reich, Lisa Easter, C.J. Kersten, Mary Anne Greene-secretary. Guests: JoAnne Torti, ASAP Director and Ingrid Manning, Waterbury Foundation.

I. Visitors: Ingrid Manning of the Waterbury Foundation and JoAnne Torti, Director of ASAP, presented a check from the Foundation in the amount of \$5000.00 for the ASAP Community Project. Ms. Manning wanted to take the opportunity to express the Foundation's "Delight" with the program and the new component that is adding adults (Community Project). Ray Reich accepted the grant as the Parks and Recreation Commission's representative on the Advisory Board of ASAP.

II. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Beach and Boat Launch: Ray Reich reported he would be meeting October 7, 2003 with Elaine Luckey, First Selectman of Washington, Jack Travers, First Selectman of Warren, Hank Vallely, Boat Launch Director and possibly Lori Shiesel, First Selectman of Kent to discuss details of the boat launch, should the State and the Towns reach an agreement. These details included staffing, hours, fees, etc. Sheila Anson asked that the minutes reflect gratitude to Hank Vallely and Andy Hull of the Town Highway Department for manning the boat launch during Hurricane Isabel in order that boat owners could get their boats off the lake. She also thanked the Selectmen's office for the numerous calls it received on this subject. The boat launch will close the last weekend in October and notice has been sent to all the local papers.

B. Riverwalk Pavilion Project: Sheila reported the fundraising letters went out today. Thanks to the members of the commission and Lisa and volunteers Liddy Adams and Norma Anson for stuffing, counting, etc. Thanks you notes will be sent to donors. Parks and Rec representatives will be meeting with the Building and Properties Committee on October 16th.

C. Parent Council/Shepaug Youth Association: Joe Fredlund reported there has been a meeting. Peer Leadership of the High School has developed several "action plans" and may be asking the Parks and Rec Commissions of the three towns for assistance with their activities.

D. Town Garage Property: No report.

E. Baseball/Little League: No report.

F. Basketball: Joe Fredlund reported Basketball Committee has met - each Town has three representatives. The Shepaug Basketball Association will cover grades 5-8. They would like the Parks and Rec Commissions to approve any new members of the Association's committee. Washington's proposed members are Joe Fredlund, Tim Cook and Matt Perachi. As there was not a quorum at today's meeting, it was the consensus of those present to accept this membership. Joe will give copies of the by-laws to the Commission. Lisa Easter reported the school use forms are completed and reminded the commissioners that she needs to know dates they need the school facilities a couple of weeks ahead of time in order to get the paperwork completed.

G. Dick Ayer Field Backstop: The old backstop is being taken down. If the Town Highway crew is not able to take the poles down, Pete Williams will be contacted (CL&P) for assistance. The proposal from ATLAS has been returned to them along with a purchase order to do the work on the new backstop.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

Lisa Easter reported that Kezia Hearn's After School Arts and Crafts class was cancelled as there were not enough sign-ups. Re-thinking of the type of program offered will be done with Kezia and Linda

Banks. Lisa will be on vacation all of next week.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Steve Wright Reception: There will be a reception honoring Steve Wright on October 21, 2003 at the Depot Firehouse as he is stepping down as Chief of the Ambulance Association. Discussion of a "gift in appreciation" for all he has done for Parks and Rec.

B. Purchase of windshield and top for gator: Lisa reported she has requested estimates. Once these are received there will be a "call" to commissioners for approval.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Sheila asked the commissioners to start thinking about Holiday in the Depot. Lisa reported the glow in the dark necklaces have been ordered for Halloween and Holiday in the Depot. Horse and wagon are lined up. Will work on getting Santa signed up for the evening. Sheila asked that the minutes reflect the commissioner's thanks to Ray Reich for the post July 4th thank you get together.

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

NEXT MEETING: November 3, 2003, 7:00p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne Greene
Secretary