

# December 5, 2011

*Minutes are subject to the approval of the Parks and Recreation Commission.*

**Present:** Chairman Sheila Anson, Commissioners Ray Reich, Whitney Ryan, Joe Fredlund, Darren Dutcher, C.J. Kersten, Laura Martin, Tim Cook; Coordinator Lisa Easter and Clerk Mary Anne Greene.

**Call to Order:** Chairman Sheila Anson called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. noting there was a quorum present.

**MOTION:**

To add subsequent business not already on the Agenda – approval of the minutes of the two meetings held by the Beach House Tenant/Caretaker Selection Sub-Committee.

By Ray Reich, seconded by Joe Fredlund and unanimously approved.

**Approval of Minutes:**

**Motion:**

To approve the minutes of the November 14, 2011 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission by C. J. Kersten, seconded by Darren Dutcher and unanimously approved.

**Motion:**

To approve the minutes of the November 17 and 28, 2011 meetings of the Beach House Tenant/Caretaker Selection Sub-Committee.

By Ray Reich, seconded by Whitney Ryan and unanimously approved.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

\* Beach/Boat Launch: No report.

\* Beach House Tenant Selection: Adjournment to Executive Session

**Motion:**

To enter into Executive Session at 7:09 p.m. to discuss the Sub-Committee's recommendation for the Beach House Tenant/Caretaker – a personnel matter.

By Ray Reich, seconded by C.J. Kersten and unanimously approved.

The Commissioners closed their Executive Session and re-entered the Regular Meeting at 7:15 p.m. Their recommendation, by consensus, will be presented to the Board of Selectmen at their meeting on Thursday, December 8, 2011. No votes were taken. Ray Reich asked the minutes reflect his gratitude to the sub-committee for their diligence.

\* River Walk Park:

Lisa Easter reported:

- 1) Larry Cable will repair the fascia board damaged by a tree at the River Walk Pavilion.
- 2) Five loads of clay have been delivered.
- 3) United Alarm has tested the system and the battery back up at the Pavilion.

There was concern that the back-up was not working correctly when the power went off last week. Lisa will check with the alarm company. Tim Cook reported the scoreboard at the Joe Martin Field is up. Electricity will be hooked up prior to next year's baseball season. Sheila Anson asked that Gary Alex check the padlock on the gate.

\* Holiday in the Depot:

Lisa Easter reported that everything is set – Rumsey Hall School singers will be singing at the Town

Hall tree lighting – welcoming Santa Claus. Gunnery singers will be strolling through the Depot. Ernie Fitch from Roxbury has generously donated a sleigh for the backdrop for Santa. First Selectman Mark Lyon will say a few words of greeting prior to the tree lighting by the Washington Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary. Cindy Brissett will again be taking photos of children with Santa.

\* 2012-2013 Budget:

The Commissioners will meet on January 11, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. (prior to their regular meeting scheduled for 7:00 p.m.) to discuss the budget for the next fiscal year.

**Visitors:** None.

### **COORDINATOR'S REPORT:**

Lisa Easter reported:

\* Holiday in the Depot – see above.

\* Red Sox Game -

May 27th – game time to be announced. \$95 per person.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

\* Trees on the Plaza:

A letter from Sarah Gager, as a member of the Washington Shade Tree Committee, has been received regarding the Plaza tree project - that has been discussed at Selectmen's Meetings - explaining their fund raising and grant receipt. As the project has been temporarily placed on hold, the Commission agreed to support the project but will wait to hear more about it.

\* Steep Rock Association Donation:

Motion: To donate \$200 to the Steep Rock Association in appreciation for their support of the July 4th Stephen Reich Memorial Run and long standing relationship with Parks and Rec.

By Joe Fredlund, seconded by Tim Cook.

Ray Reich and Sheila Anson recused themselves from the vote as they are members of Steep Rock's Board of Trustees.

The motion passed.

\* Ed Kelly's Senior Project will be a feasibility study of three turf fields in Washington.

### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

Sheila Anson reported:

\* Let's Wrap!

(Parks and Rec is sponsoring a family for the Christmas Holiday Baskets)

\* MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!

### **Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m., as there was no further business for discussion.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Anne Greene Clerk

