

December 14, 2009

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

Present: Chairman Sheila Anson, Joe Fredlund, C.J. Kersten, Ray Reich, Holly Haas, Coordinator Lisa Easter, Clerk Mary Anne Greene.

Call to Order: Chairman Anson called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. noting there was a quorum present and thanking the sub-committee working on Town Beach Caretaker Duties for meeting earlier.

Minutes:

Motion:

To approve the minutes of the November 9, 2009 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission.
By C.J. Kersten, seconded by Joe Fredlund and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

*** Beach/Boat Launch:**

Work at the Town Beach property and Beach House is on schedule. The sub-committee working on Town Beach Caretaker duties will complete their recommendations by the next Parks and Rec meeting and will then present to the Board of Selectmen. A Town resident has approached Lisa Easter regarding having a hot dog cart at the Town Beach. Discussion will be continued when there are more details available.

*** River Walk Park:**

Lisa reported that the fire suppression system hook up was completed in the kitchen at the Pavilion today. It will be checked two times a years. Lisa has received prices for the pavers for the path behind the Pavilion - \$720. All materials to complete the path (edging, machinery necessary, etc.) will be \$1080.75. Gary Alex has submitted an estimate of \$1250 to install it – total project \$2330.75.

Motion:

To purchase the pavers now for a cost of \$720.

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

Construction of the fireplace is complete. There was discussion of placing a plaque acknowledging the generosity of the Village Improvement Society. This will be done in the spring – in time for the Village Improvement picnic in June.

Papa Joe Martin has written a letter to the Commission regarding improvements to the Joe Martin Field. These would include a permanent scoreboard, a flagpole and at a later date, another bleacher and two batting cages. He would like the Little League players to raise funds for these projects, would perhaps ask the Village Improvement Society for a donation and /or ask the support of this Commission. It was decided to ask Joe to come to the January meeting.

*** Mill Race Road Project:**

Nothing further at this time.

*** SBA:**

Lisa has spoken with members of the Shepaug Basketball Association board regarding their taking over the younger teams as well. This would result in a more consistent management of all teams with everyone being on the same track, using the same rules, goals, etc. The board will meet after the New Year to discuss further. In the meantime, Lisa has started the registration process for the younger teams as a Parks and Rec program.

* Family Skate:

As always, a popular program!

* Holiday in the Depot:

Despite the very cold evening a huge success! The Washington Business Association did a wonderful job organizing. Thank you to all involved!! A note of thanks to the Washington Volunteer Fire Department for their stringing of the lights on the Christmas tree at the Town Hall! The suggestion was made to have a meeting in the summer to discuss plans for next year.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

* Calendar of Meetings:

Lisa distributed meeting dates for 2010 that will be filed with the Town Clerk.

* Budget Workshop:

January 11, 2010, 6:00 p.m. – prior to the regular meeting scheduled for 7:00p.m

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

* Salem Church Concert:

Saturday, December 19, 2009, 5:00 p.m.

* St. John's Concert:

Sunday, December 20, 2009, 5:00 p.m.

* A Steep Rock "thank you" for Parks and Rec support has been received

* Congratulations to Susan Branson, Executive Director of Steep Rock on the birth of the twin grandchildren – Beatrice and Myers! And to Amanda and Clark Gifford the proud Mom and Dad!

* Happy Holidays to all returning home to Washington for all or part of the Season!

* MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR AND MERRY HOLIDAY SEASON TO ALL!

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. as there was no further business for discussion.

NEXT MEETING:

January 11, 2010 – 6:00 Budget Workshop, 7:00 Regular Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne Greene

Clerk