

## February 12, 2007

**Present:** Chairman Sheila Anson, Joe Fredlund, C.J. Kersten, Joan Gauthey, Tim Cook, Lou Magnoli, Clerk Mary Anne Greene.

**Call to Order:** Sheila Anson called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

### Minutes:

- Minutes of the January 8th, 2007 meeting will be approved at next month's meeting.

### OLD BUSINESS:

- **River Walk Park:** Sheila reported that she has spoken with Cindy Brissett, Animal Control Officer about dogs running loose at the Park and the high number of complaints from people. They are going to investigate the possibility of a "doggie park" at the old Town Garage site on Titus Road. Southbury has such a park that we may be able to use as a "model".
- **Beach Boat Launch:** Ray Reich was not able to attend this evening's meeting but spoke with Sheila regarding the upcoming plans for the beach area. Ray feels strongly that there be a building to house the kayaks and canoes (as there always has been) and that the activities of rowing and paddling on the Lake continue to be encouraged. Whether it should be in the same facility as the police boat and/or air boat is still to be determined. Apparently there is also interest from several people for a facility that would house crew shells. The suggestion has been made that they speak with the Gunnery crew coach about possibly adding on to their existing building. Sheila distributed a communication received from Joe Mustich about the beach and boat launch. Joe is "concerned about the integrity of the town's 1 acre park, beach and town launch on the shores of Lake Waramaug and the way in which the project in all phases and costs are being presented to the citizens of Washington." Joe presented this same letter to the Zoning Commission on 1/22 and the Board of Selectmen on 1/25. A copy of this letter is attached to these minutes in the Town Clerk's office.
- **Playgrounds:** Lisa Easter reported in her "Coordinator's Report" that the container was delivered on Friday January 26th and the playground equipment was delivered and loaded into it on the 29th. Thanks to Larry Cable, the Highway Crew and Dave Easter for the fork lift and muscle! "Community builds" are scheduled for March 30 and 31 (River Walk) and April 27 and 28 (Nick Platt).
- **Basketball:** Tim Cook reported that there are 3-5 games every Saturday morning in the Rec program. Thanks to Chris Ayer, Sam Steinmetz and Nick Pendergast for refereeing. Last weekend's Spaghetti Supper raised \$961!
- **Capital Budget/Budget:** C.J. Kersten reported he and Lisa met last week to go over the requested budget for 2007-2008. The Commission reviewed the budget and discussed Capital Improvement items that included the construction of a kitchen at the Pavilion, repaving the basketball and tennis courts and repairing the visitor's dugout at the Ted Alex Field. **Motion:** To approve the Washington Parks and Recreation Commission's requested budget for 2007-2008 to be submitted to the Board of Selectmen. By Tim Cook, seconded by Joan Gauthey and unanimously approved. The Commission will ask Lisa to find out when the Board of Selectmen will begin looking over budgets. If the budget process starts before the Commission's March 12th meeting, then the Commission will schedule a Special Meeting to discuss the Capital Improvements they wish to submit. Some members of the Commission will attend the

Selectmen's budget meetings.

- **Bowling Alley:** Tim Cook will contact Rich Borland to give an estimate on sanding the bowling alley lanes.

**COORDINATOR'S REPORT:** Lisa's report included the following:

- **Playgorunds:** See above.
- **Bus Trips:** The January 14th trip to **Westchester Broadway Dinner Theatre** to see "**The Full Monty**" was a huge success even though a small response prevented the renting of a bus - 16 ladies carpooled. All who attended expressed interest in going again - "**Grease**" in the Spring? **Red Sox/Los Angeles Angels** tickets for August 18th have been purchased - 7:05 p.m. game - possibly an overnight trip.
- **Hot Shot Contest:** Held on January 20th, 13 children participated. Winners in the different age groups were Sarah Swanson from Washington, Kate DeWitte from Washington, Taylor Weston from Bridgewater and Quinn O'Malley from Washington. They went on to the County Contest on February 10th.
- **Swim Lessons:** The next session is scheduled to begin on Friday March 16th for 5 lessons with no lessons on April 6 & 20. Tuesday lessons will begin on May 1st.
- **Babysitting Class:** Mo Van Moffaert will be teaching a six hour American Red Cross Babysitting Class at the end of February/beginning of March. Children ages 11 and up will be able to participate. Dates will be finalized soon.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Little League:** Tim Cook reported that Shepaug Baseball has voted to unite all of the baseball teams (ages 5-19) in the Region under one board. There will be one registration (not separately in each town) and there will be standard fees, uniforms, etc. The board will take care of all details. T-ball and Diamond Ball (ages 5-7) will always stay "home". Minor and Major teams will stay "home" unless there are too few or too many players. This will allow for a more evenly distributed number of players on the teams, evenly distributed ability and teams will be limited to 13. Each of the towns in the region will be asked to contribute \$1500 for the summer programs. As there is already monies in Washington's budget for baseball, this should be all set.
- **Bus Trip:** See Coordinator's Report.
- **Roundtable Discussion:** There will be a meeting of chairmen, or their representatives, from each of the Town's boards and commissions on Tuesday, February 27 at 5:00p.m. Sheila will attend.
- **Election of Officers:** Joan Gauthey and Lou Magnoli, Nominating Committee, presented the slate of officers for the Parks and Recreation Commission for 2007 as follows: Chairman: Sheila Anson, Vice-Chairmen: Joe Fredlund and Tim Cook, Treasurer: C.J. Kersten. **Motion:** To approve the slate of officers as presented. By Joan Gauthey, seconded by Lou Magnoli and unanimously approved.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** Sheila reported:

- **Happy Birthday Wishes** to Lisa Easter - February 2nd.
- **Happy FIRST Birthday Wishes to Claire Kersten** - February 17th
- **Get Well and Speedy Recovery Wishes to Brendan Smith** - a skiing trip to Mohawk left him

with a broken femur !.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. as there was no further business for discussion.

**NEXT MEETING: MARCH 12TH, 7:00 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne Greene

Clerk

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