

January 9, 2006

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

Call to Order: Chairman Anson called the meeting to order at 7:02p.m.

Welcome Visitors:

- **Sarah Gager** attended this meeting, as a representative of the Planning Commission, to ask the Parks and Recreation Commissioners to review the Depot Study report that has just been received from Wilbur Smith Associates. All the Commissions are being asked to do this, to give their input - suggestions, ideas, questions, etc. - during the month of February for presentation and summarization at the March Planning Commission meeting. Sarah explained one of the important factors to consider is that the Town has all the necessary regulations in place for where the Town wants to go in the future.
- **Dick Sears** attended this meeting to: 1) stress the importance of the meeting on 1/11/06, 7:30p.m. at Shepaug re: **School Choices** - three primary schools or one consolidated. Pros and cons, plans, costs, etc. will be presented. 2) **Depot Study** - the 4.4 acre parcel of land known as the "old Town Garage Property" - expansion will be occurring at the new town garage property that will allow for the equipment that is being stored on Titus Road to be moved to Blackville Rd. The plan for now is to clear a 100 foot swath along the river for the townspeople to enjoy. There will be further clean-up of this property taking place - piles of sweepings, rock, etc. but this is still in the works. The final use of the entire piece is yet to be decided but the clearing that will be occurring in the not-too-distant future will be a first step in the enjoyment of this property.

Minutes: Motion: To approve the minutes of the December 5, 2005 meeting as presented. By Holly Haas, seconded by Joe Fredlund and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **River Walk Park:** 1) Lisa Easter reported she has received prices for **tables and chairs for the new Pavilion**. Information on her choices was shared and the decision made to make the purchase. **Motion:** To spend \$5360.14 (adjusting the approved amount from the last meeting) for the purchase of 10 round tables, 2 rectangular tables, 1 table car, 60 chairs and 2 chair dollies. By Holly Haas, seconded by Joe Fredlund and unanimously approved. 2) There was discussion of the new **rental rates for the Pavilion** use - \$100, with a \$100 deposit. If damages occur that surpass the \$100 deposit, the renter will be responsible for the additional replacement/repair costs. 3) **Louise King** has given a generous donation to Parks and Recreation and has requested it be used specifically at the River Walk area in memory of her friend Diane Worcester. 4) The **new sign at the Pavilion** will be installed next week.
- **Beach/Boat Launch:** Ray Reich reported that Dick Sears, Paul Frank and David Wilson will be meeting with the DEP tomorrow to discuss the Lake Waramaug Agreement - boat launch. There is still no finalized agreement.
- **New Year's Eve:** There will be a report from Linda Spak, chairman of the event, at next month's meeting.
- **Holiday in the Depot:** Lisa reported that the evening appeared to go well - it being the first year the Washington Business Association sponsored the event. Parks and Rec assisted by

hiring the horse drawn wagon, purchasing the glow in the dark necklaces.

- **Basketball:** Lisa reported there will be a Hot Shot Contest on 1/20 for 9-15 year olds. The rest of the program seems to be going well. Lisa needed to find a coach for the 3-4 grade team at the last minute- thank you Whitney Ryan for agreeing to do this. Lisa suggested that next year she be in charge of coordinating the 1-4 grade programs to avoid any last minute problems.
- **Master Plan:** More discussion will occur next month. Holly Haas suggested that a kitchen at the new Pavilion be in the Plan - sooner than later.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT: Lisa Easter reported:

- **Town Newsletter:** There is a 1/15 deadline for submission of articles - any suggestions: the new pavilion will not be rented until March - mention new equipment will be available for rental; Master Plan survey.
- **Hot Shot Contest:** 1/20/06.
- **After School Ski Program:** Middle/High School- 1/23, 2/27 and 3/6; Primary School 1/30, 2/13 and 3/20.
- **Thank you from the Reich Family:** A note has been received thanking the Commission for the donation made in memory of Stephen.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Reiki-Yoga:** Sheila Anson reported that she canvassed the commissioners by phone and received approval for Doug Greene to give a 20-minute lunch time Reiki-Yoga class on Wednesdays. The cost will be \$3/person.
- **Election of Officers: Motion:** To keep the officers of the Parks and Recreation Commission as is: Chairman Sheila Anson, Vice-Chairmen Joe Fredlund and Tim Cook, Treasurer C.J. Kersten. By Ray Reich, seconded by Holly Haas and unanimously approved.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Sheila Anson reported:

- **Lou Magnoli** is featured in the latest Rumsey Rarebits - resembling Babe Ruth.
- **Expressions of Sympathy:** to the Reich family on the passing of Ray's mother, to the Greene family on the passing of Doug's father and to the Stuart family on the passing of Don's sister.
- **Congratulations** to the Reich family on the marriage of their daughter AnnMarie on New Year's Eve - a beautiful event complete with a fresh New England snow fall!
- **It's getting close** for Tammy and C.J.'s new arrival.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:45p.m. as there was no further business for discussion.

NEXT MEETING: FEBRUARY 13, 2006, 7:00P.M. Land Use Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne Greene
Clerk