

December 10, 2007

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

Call to Order: Sheila Anson called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. noting there was not a quorum.

Approval of Minutes: Approval of minutes was tabled because there was not a quorum present.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Beach/Boat Launch:** Lisa Easter reported she spoke with First Selectman Mark Lyon. Dirk Sabin continues to work on plans for parking, planning, trees, etc. The Beach Committee recently met with William Worcester, architect.
- **River Walk Park:** Joe Fredlund reported that Larry Cable is making progress on the storage shed attached to the Pavilion. The baseball storage shed (senior project) is almost completed. Don Etherington has approved the installation of the stove in the kitchen however, a "Warning" must be posted stating that it is to be used for heating/warming only. No frying, etc. can take place, as a hood has not been installed.
- **Skate Park:** Nothing to report.
- **Dog Park:** Nothing to report.
- **Holiday in the Depot:** Lisa reported that there would be a few new offerings this year - i.e. a bingo game where you acquire different stamps at different locations. Lisa asked that the minutes reflect thanks to Kathy Gollow and Phyllis Allen for their patience in stamping hundreds of ping-pong balls.
- **Capital Budget Requests:** Sheila asked commissioners to consider items for the capital budget. The commission will meet at 5:30 p.m. on January 14, 2008 (prior to the regular meeting) to discuss. An ex-budget appropriation will have to be requested from the Board of Finance of additional days and hours are agreed upon for lifeguard coverage at the beach prior to July 1 (beginning of the next fiscal year).

COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

Lisa Easter reported:

- **Wintuk:** almost sold out for January 5, 2008 bus trip.
- **Hot Shot Contest:** scheduled for 12/28 or 12/29/07.
- **DeCourcy Gift:** \$6000- \$1000 to be specifically used for Little League. Thank you!!
- **Eagle Electric:** donated the electrical work they did at the Pavilion - Thank you!!
- **Watts Fund-First Congregational Church:** Thank you for \$10,000 matching grant used for improvements at River Walk Pavilion!! In addition, thank you to Dick Sears for his work on coordinating this gift.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Morning Swim:** Swim coach Todd Dyer now holds swim team practices on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 6:00 - 7:15 a.m. They use only two lanes of the pool and although some mornings are a bit crowded, it seems to be working out o.k.
- **Thank you to Larry Cable:** The Commissioners approved getting Larry a gift certificate to

Home Depot expressing their gratitude.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Sheila Anson reported:

- **Beach Compliments:** Susan Eanes has expressed complimentary remarks on the VERY professional and pleasant staff at the Town Beach.
- **Summer Recreation:** "One of the best programs around"!
- **Reappointment of Holly Haas, Joe Fredlund and Joan Gauthey:** all are in agreement to serve another term. Thank you!
- **Rotary/Town of Washington Volunteer Reception:** Congratulations to Addie Roberts and Hank Vallely on their being names volunteers of the year.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m. as there was no further business for discussion.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne Greene

Clerk