

## October 18, 2010

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

**Present:** Chairman Sheila Anson, C.J. Kersten, Holly Haas, Ray Reich, Lou Magnoli, Joan Gauthey, Beach Caretakers/Tenants David Lyon and Jess Pullara.  
Michael Gorra.

### **Call to Order:**

Chairman Anson called the meeting to order at 5:20 p.m. at the Town Beach property.

The Commissioners walked the property with Beach Caretakers David Lyon and Jess Pullara.

Discussion included their duties and responsibilities and review of them, how the beach season progressed, work schedule, etc. At the request of David and Jess, it was decided that one person would be their contact to discuss concerns, give direction, etc. The Commissioners will discuss who this will be – ideas presented were a member of the Buildings and Property Commission, or Parks and Recreation Commission, or Parks and Recreation Coordinator.

### **Minutes:**

Motion:

To approve the minutes of the September 13, 2010 monthly meeting and the September 22, 2010 special meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

By Holly Haas, seconded by C.J. Kersten and unanimously approved.

### **Visitor:**

Michael Gorra, Northwestern Connecticut Youth Hockey Program:

Michael thanked the Town and the Commission for it's many years of supporting the Family Skate program by providing insurance. Approximately 50-75 people attend each week. The Washington Primary School PTO hosts a snack bar with funds going to their hot lunch program. Michael also explained the other programs offered – Learn-to-Skate, Intro-to-Hockey and the Travel Teams. He will get registration information to the Parks and Rec office.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Beach & Boat Launch:

In addition to what is mentioned above, the Commissioners discussed clean up of debris raked off the beach during the summer, trimming and pruning of the new plantings, etc.

River Walk Park:

It has been reported that the ADA baby swing is broken; Gary Alex has been notified and asked to repair it. The plaque for the fireplace has been received and will be mounted. At the suggestion of Estelle Bronson, a luncheon is scheduled for this Wednesday at the Pavilion for the walkers who regularly enjoy the walking path, town employees have also been invited.

Five Year Plan:

Tabled until next month's meeting.

CT Freedom of Information meeting:

Sheila Anson thanked Ray Reich and C.J. Kersten for participating in the public meeting to address the Freedom of Information complaint that had been filed by Wayne Hileman against the Board of

Selectmen and the Parks and Recreation Commission. As a result of the meeting, Mr. Hileman has withdrawn his complaint.

Holiday In The Depot:

Lisa Easter's Coordinator's Report states she had met with Daryl Wright of the WVFD, and Mari Acton of the Washington Business Association regarding holding "Slices with Santa" (fundraiser sponsored by the Fire Department) on the same night as Holiday in the Depot. After discussion, it was decided that since the Girl Scouts hold a hot dog and chili dinner at Legion Hall it might be a conflict. Therefore, Slices will be held on a Sunday afternoon/evening as in the past. Daryl also suggested that LED lights for the Christmas tree would be more "green" – the cost approximately \$500. The Fire Department will again install the lights. Utopia Percherons have been hired to do the horse and wagon rides; light necklaces have been ordered, as have the angel pencils.

Bocce Courts:

No more information has been received.

Bowling Alley:

Steve Sordi has offered to get us information on cleaning and waxing of the alleys.

River Walk Pavilion Luncheon:

See above under Beach & Boat Launch.

**COORDINATOR'S REPORT:**

Lisa Easter submitted a written report, which included the following:

Ace Baseball Report has been received from Art Crabtree, Dave Werkhoven and Scott Werkhoven.

With school ending later than usual, attendance and the length of the camp were affected. The Directors are hopeful that next year's camp will not run into the same difficulties.

Fall Tennis was cancelled due to low enrollment.

Basketball – Lisa has contacted Henry DeVoe to inquire if he will be in charge of Adult Basketball at WPS. Shepaug Basketball Association is handling grades K-8 and will start tryouts for travel teams in early November.

Holiday in the Depot: see above under Old Business.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion:

To adjourn the meeting at 6:28 to enter into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter.

By Sheila Anson, seconded by Holly Haas and unanimously approved.

The Commissioners re-entered the regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission at 6:33 p.m. Personnel sub-committee made up of Lou Magnoli, C.J. Kersten and Kathy Gollow, Selectmen's Assistant, will be formed to review performance, address concerns etc. with Parks and Rec employees.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

Due to the increasing darkness and falling temperature at the Beach, Sheila deferred her report.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35p.m. as there was no further business for discussion. Respectfully

submitted,  
Mary Anne Greene, Clerk