

## November 10, 2008

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

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

**Call to Order:** Chairman Anson called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. noting there was a quorum.

### **Minutes:**

\* Motion: To approve the minutes of the September 8, 2008 meeting of the Parks and Rec Commission as presented and the October 20, 2008 meeting with the following corrections: new FOI requirement of posting the Agenda on the website 24 hours in advance pertains to special meetings – therefore the October meeting, which was posted with the Town Clerk, was properly and legally noticed; the purchase of baseball tickets will be for a Yankees game and a Red Sox game – not Yankees vs. Red Sox; typo “flay” should have been “flag”. By Holly Haas, seconded by Ray Reich and unanimously approved.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

\* Beach and Boat Launch: Ray Reich reported that plans for the beach house have not advanced any further because of waiting for engineering plans. No other report.

\* River Walk Park: Lisa Easter, Sheila Anson and Joe Fredlund reported the Pavilion will be closed for the winter Friday, November 14 - water drained from bathrooms, kitchen, etc., there were incidences of graffiti on the Pavilion building over the last couple of weeks. Larry Cable has cleaned and painted over. The police were notified. Lisa will call Julie Adams to have her do the winter clean up of the gardens, etc. An estimate was submitted for building a fireplace from JFM Masonry. More will be requested. There was discussion of placing a solar light on the flagpole to illuminate the flag at night. Lisa has called Layton's again re: extending the gas line for the grill – “we're on the list”.

\* Bus Trips: Lisa reported that the trip to Radio City Music Hall is all set for November 11. She is planning a trip to Boston on July 11 to see the Tall Ships in Boston Harbor. The cost would be \$78 per person that would include a cruise. She is still working on the baseball tickets. Possible idea – Ellis Island and Statue of Liberty in the spring. More information to follow.

\* Basketball: Coaches are lined up – 1 & 2 grade – Matt Perachi and Marty O'Malley; 3 & 4 grade – Hank Randall and 5 & 6 grade – John Quist; adult – Ben Woodruff.

\* Holiday in the Depot: Scheduled for 12/12 - Lisa reported that plans are progressing with the Washington Business Association. The horse and wagon are reserved. The idea was discussed of setting up a small table for financial donations for the Christmas soldier boxes that the “Town Hall Gang” will be sending out.

\* Financial Report: Mary Anne Greene distributed the report of income and expenses for the various programs and it was reviewed. Motion: To purchase a cover for the pool table for a price approved by Lisa Easter and C.J. Kersten. By Holly Haas, seconded by Joe Fredlund and unanimously approved.

### **COORDINATOR'S REPORT:** Lisa reported:

\* Bus Trips: See above for Radio City and Boston Harbor.

\* Karate: Thank you to teachers Tom and Roberta, and their students, for collecting food for the

Holiday Baskets that will be distributed to Washington's needy families. Not only did they collect, but they also delivered the food to the Boys & Girls Club!

\* Pavilion: Larry will be closing up as mentioned above and he will remain on Parks and Rec "duty" until November 21. He will take the tennis courts down on December 1.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

\* Budget Season: Commissioners would like to discuss work needed on the outside basketball courts at WPS– should Region #12 be asked to contribute toward this?

\* Temporary Hockey rink: Will not be doing again – difficult to keep frozen, etc.

\* Shepaug Pool: has been closed for several days to balance chemicals.

\* Calendar of 2009 Meeting Dates: approved.

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

\* Washington Club Golf Section: hosted golf tournament for Community Volunteers – thank you for a great day!

\* Anne Potter: Congratulations on being named a New Milford Hospital Hero!

\* Jon Greene: Congratulations on his participation in the 10th Annual Pumpkin Run in Boulder CO.

\* Joan Gauthey: Recovering nicely from hip surgery.

\* Owen Moore: Wishes for a speedy recovery from heart surgery.

\* Culvert Griffith: Condolences to his family and friends.

**Adjournment:**

\* Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m. as there was no further business for discussion. By Joe Fredlund, seconded by Ray Reich and unanimously approved.

NEXT MEETING: DECEMBER 8, 2008, 7:00P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Anne Greene  
Clerk