

November 14, 2005

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

Call to Order: Sheila called the meeting to order at 7:02p.m. noting there was a quorum.

Minutes: Motion: To approve the minutes of the October 3, 2005 meeting. By Holly Haas, seconded by Joan Gauthey and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Riverwalk Pavilion/Park:** Joe Fredlund and Sheila Anson met with Larry Cable, groundskeeper. They reported he has been very good about keeping in touch with Joe about what is happening there and asked that he also report to Lisa Easter. The plumbing in the new bathrooms will be shut down next week. There was some discussion as to the length of time it takes to clean the bathrooms - often VERY dirty after practices that are held on the grounds by different schools. The coaches will be contacted and "gently" informed of this. There was also discussion with Larry and the Commission about Larry's coming back next season. The Commission would like to firm this up with Larry so that all is in order. As there were other applicants for the position, they will be contacted. If no one else is still interested in interviewing, final hiring decision will be made in December. The locking of the bathrooms by the police has been a problem and concern as some times they are not able to get there until very late or not at all. Larry has been opening every day. The suggestion was made to go to the Selectmen, report the police solution is not working as they had arranged, and would they put additional monies in the budget to pay someone to lock up each night. Charlie Showalter has been doing this the past several weeks as is willing to continue but there are payments involved. The plans for the sign for the pavilion were reviewed. Lisa reported that Parks and Rec will have to go to ZBA and prove a "hardship" in order to gain permission to put the sign on the building. There was also some discussion that zoning regulations may be revised and the sign would be allowed. Lisa is working with Mike Ajello (ZEO) on this. Joan Gauthey will also speak with Valerie Friedman who is a member of the Zoning Commission. The cost of the sign, installed, will be \$4175.
- **Beach Boat Launch:** Ray Reich reported that Hank Vallely did a great job with the close up of the season. Following the fall storms there was a great deal of debris that needed to be cleaned up. Hank doing a great job! There is no new work from the State re: the boat launch.
- **New Year's Eve Party:** Nothing to report at this time other than the tickets have been printed and are available for sale.
- **Holiday in the Depot:** Lisa reported she has been in contact with Mari Acton of the Washington Business Association - all is going well. John Gueniat has again agreed to work his magic creating the North Pole. Parks and Rec will provide the necklaces, pencils and the horse drawn hay wagon.
- **Basketball:** Tim Cook reported that all teams have their coaches. Pre-season starts this week; travel teams start December. There is a website: shepaugbasketball.org. The old hoops from the primary school have been given to Bridgewater.
- **Master Plan:** Will review at the December meeting.
- **Playground Equipment:** Lisa reported that new equipment is needed at the Washington

Primary School and there is a thought to install equipment at the Nick Platt field in New Preston. Dick Sears thinks there may be grant monies available for this. Lisa also reported she has names of people who are willing to work on a playground committee.

- **Town Beach Director's Report:** Lisa reported this has been received. Jessica raised two areas of concern-resident pass holders not following the rule that their pass is non-transferable and lack of parental supervision.

COORDINATORS'S REPORT:

- **Fall Swim:** coming to an end. Next session will be in the spring.
- **Radio City Christmas Show:** still seats available for trip this week.
- **Open Skate at Gunnery:** November 26th from 4-6p.m. and December 30th from 3-5p.m.
- **CPRA Seminar:** Lisa attending November 21, 2005.
- **Bowling Alley floors:** Lisa has contacted Deering Floors for an estimate for refinishing.
- **New Program Proposals:**
 - **After School Ski at Mohawk:** 6 Mondays reserved-WPS: 1/30, 2/13, 3/20; SVMHS: 1/23, 2/27, 3/6. Call Parks and Rec for more information.
 - **Washington Day at Woodbury Ski:** date to be announced.
 - **Open Swim:** Several Saturday's through the winter?
 - **Hot Shot Contest:** CRPA sponsors a contest. Lisa will look into more info, possibly use WPS gym or Montessori.
 - **Infant Massage:** Terri Knipe wants to offer 4 classes - \$100 per family.
 - **US Sports Institute:** Multi-sport camp for August 2006. These were offered in area towns last year and very well received.

Pavilion Equipment: Lisa has been getting prices for chairs, tables, etc. for Pavilion. C.J. is looking into the grill.

NEW BUSINESS:

Donation: Parks and Recreation has received a very generous donation from Mr. and Mrs. deCourcy.

Motion: To use this generous donation for the sign at the Pavilion, pending zoning approval, and the remainder to be used for tables, chairs, etc. By Joe Fredlund, seconded by Joan Gauthey and unanimously approved.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Sheila reported that the bridge that was washed away in Hidden Valley in the fall storm will be replaced in memory of Stephen Reich, Steep Rock has sent a letter about this seeking additional donations. Condolences to the families of Millie Wright and Liz Miller. In the spirit of Thanksgiving - thanks to all for all they do for the Town of Washington!

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:15p.m. as there was no further business to discuss.

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2005; 7:00P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne Greene , Clerk