

## October 3, 2005

**Present:** Chairman Sheila Anson, Ray Reich, Joe Fredlund, Holly Haas, Joan Gauthey, Tim Cook, Lou Magnoli, Clerk Mary Anne Greene.

Visitor: Valerie Andersen

**Call to Order:** Sheila Anson called the meeting to order at 6:05p.m. noting there was a quorum and that the time of this meeting had been changed from 7:00p.m. due to the Town's Annual Town Meeting this evening at 7:30p.m.

**Minutes: Motion:** To approve the minutes of the September 12, 2005 meeting as presented. By Holly Haas, seconded by Tim Cook and unanimously approved.

### OLD BUSINESS:

- **Riverwalk Pavilion Project:** There was general conversation as to the positive feedback all have been receiving about the newly renovated pavilion and bathroom addition. Joe Fredlund has heard from Larry Cable, groundskeeper, that there is still a problem in getting the bathroom doors locked at night-particularly on weekends. Joe and other members of the Commission will speak with Dick Sears and/or Board of Selectmen about this and also discuss the desire of the commission to purchase chairs, tables, grill, etc. They would also like to discuss the rental fee going to the Parks and Rec Commission rather than into the General Fund. **Motion:** To raise the fee for rental of the Pavilion to \$100 in the spring of 2006. \$50 to be refunded to the renter if all is in order. There will be an additional fee of \$50 charged for use of equipment (chairs, tables, grill). This motion will be subject to review. By Holly Haas, seconded by Tim Cook and unanimously approved.
- **Beach & Boat Launch:** Ray Reich reported that nothing is happening at this point - no news from the state. He does not expect anything now until next year. Tim Cook said he has been approached by several fishermen who would like to be able to get on the lake this time of year but cannot because of the limited boat ramp hours. Some have proposed the Town having a dock where they could moor their boats in this "off season". Ray expressed his feeling that this may not work for a variety of reasons - liability, neighbor complaints, etc. The suggestion was made to have this group approach the Board of Selectmen regarding the possibility. There was discussion as to the Beach Director's job description and clearly outlining the responsibilities of this position. The suggestion was made to have Lisa Easter phone this year's Director and explain there would be a review of the description prior to the start of the season.
- **New Year's Eve Party:** Linda Spak is working with Helga Hershey on this. Flashback will again provide the music. Tickets will be available after November 15th with more details to follow.
- **Holiday In the Depot:** Lisa Easter has spoken with Mari Acton of the Washington Business Association about Parks and Rec not sponsoring this event this year due to a lack of manpower. Parks and Rec will financially sponsor the hay wagon, light necklaces and pencils. Mari will speak with WBA and get back to Lisa within the next couple of weeks. The suggestion was made to have Lisa contact again to make sure that WBA realizes they would be in charge of setting up the display, Santa, etc.
- **Basketball:** Tim Cook reported there will be a meeting Wednesday evening - they are working on pre-season tournaments. Tryouts will begin in November. Joe asked that Tim remind the Shepaug Basketball Association to make sure everything is all set for the grades 1 through 4

program.

- **4th of July:** Mary Anne Greene will review the bills paid and if all are in, will work with the Town's Treasurer to open a CD with the balance of funds left in the 4th's account (approximately \$26,000). There was general discussion with Ray Reich about next year's fundraising and if a listing of the expenses involved would be helpful in getting people to donate more or getting the public to understand why the cost of admission has been increased. This will be discussed again in the spring when Ray begins to write his letters.

**COORDINATOR'S REPORT:** Lisa Easter submitted her report with the following updates:

- **Karate:** Next session begins October 5th and may be moved to Montessori once basketball begins.
- **Fall Swim:** Next session begins October 7th. Final registrations due today.
- **Bus trip to Radio City Music Hall:** Scheduled for November 16th - \$60.00 per person fee covers show, bus and driver tip.
- **New Year's Eve:** See Old Business.
- **Holiday in the Depot;** See Old Business.

**MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT:** The Commissioners were very pleased with the amount of money that is left in the "Riverwalk Pavilion Project" area. Plans are to use some of this money to buy additional items, equipment for the Pavilion. Thank you notes will be sent to those who assisted with fundraising and who donated so much of their time, talents and material to make the project finally a reality.

Lee Levesque, Buildings and Properties Coordinator, has been working on the shed by the pavilion with Larry Cable - closing it in, re-roofing. **Motion:** To approve up to \$700 for a garage door for the shed at the Pavilion. By Joe Fredlund, seconded by Tim Cook and unanimously approved.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Master Plan:** Joe Fredlund and Tim Cook have begun work on a 5 year master plan which outlines five projects - this list is meant as a starting point and will be discussed further at the next meeting. Addition and deletion suggestions from other commissioners are welcome.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

- **Congratulation to Joan Gauthey and Charlotte Johnson** on the occasion of their Civil Union on October 1, 2005. Much happiness!
- **Stephen Reich Memorial:** Sheila Anson reported that Scott Werkhoven and Michael Condon have formed a committee to work on establishing a fitting memorial to Stephen. One sub-committee is working on a display at Shepaug High School with an annual award being presented. The other is working on a "Citizen of the Year" program . Both the Reich and Blue families are involved in the planning process.
- **Sympathy to the Cable family** on the death of Rose Cable.

**Adjournment: Motion:** To adjourn the meeting at 7:05p.m. as there was no further business to discuss. By Tim Cook, seconded by Joan Gauthey and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne Greene, Clerk