

December 8, 2003

Present: Sheila Anson, Tim Cook, Lisa Easter, Joe Fredlund, Joan Gauthey, Holly Haas, Lou Magnoli, Ray Reich

Guests: Dick Sears, Diane Schrier, Mari Acton, Dee Calvy

Washington Business Association: Diane Schrier and Mari Acton purchased a banner with the Washington Business Association imprint. They had hoped to hang it on the Town Hall for the night of Holiday in the Depot. After discussion it was decided to hang it inside the Town Hall with a display of stockings they also purchased for the children to take to the various businesses to fill their stockings with a small gift.

Dee Calvy: Dee proposed two classes she wanted to offer:

Tai Chi-6 weeks on Wednesday evenings at 7:15 (after kickboxing) apprx. \$50.00 Minimum of three participants and max 10. Tai Chi is an ancient form of martial arts slow form followed by tea.

Adult Art-6 weeks evening TBA, apprx. \$50.00 -self discovery and journaling

Joe made the motion to give Dee permission to begin both programs in January contingent on references Lisa is to check, and the understanding that 5% of income goes to W P&R. Tim second, passed unanimously.

Tim made a motion to accept the minutes of November 3, 2003 with the spelling correction of Christina Wells, Lou second, so carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Beach and Boat Launch: A memo of understanding has been presented to the DEP by Mike Chaticci, Hartford attorney. DEP will review and then come back to W P&R. It is the same document with some minor changes. A walk through is scheduled at the beach site before Christmas with Roger, Dick, Ray, and Nick. Hank's report for the boat launch attached. We have not received a report from the beach director regarding the 2003 season so, as noted in their contract, the last paycheck has been withheld until we receive the report.

River Walk Pavilion Project: 227 donors total of \$27,200 to date, \$58,000 goal. Thanks to Lisa and Ken Johnson for the design of the thank you notes, and to Sheila who has been signing them all. P&R commission members will be writing personal notes on them. Next Step to Fundraising: Go to individuals for large contributions, civic organizations and businesses. A presentation will be made to the Washington Lions. **Tim will begin getting permits this next week so the project can begin as scheduled in the spring.**

Parent Council: Joe feels he has not been much of a contributor due to conflicts in meeting schedules. It was decided that the committee is large and competent and if the Council needs assistance from W P&R we can help out in that way.

Shepaug Basketball Association: **Tim moved that we accept the Shepaug Basketball Association as it's own entity under the auspices of the Washington Parks and Recreation, Roxbury Parks and Recreation and Bridgewater Parks and Recreation. They have their own by-laws. They have a checking account which will be audited. Board members will be approved by each Park and Rec. Joan seconded the motion, motion approved.** Thanks to Joe for his organization and for keeping expenses low, and also to the school system which has been most cooperative with scheduling and custodians.

Dick Ayer Field Backstop: The bid Tim had received a few years ago was \$5,700; the work was

actually done for \$5,300. **Tim will write a thank you note to the highway department.** Additional work was done on fencing as needed; Tim has taken money out of pocket. **A reminder was issued that all work orders and purchase need to go through Lisa for approval.** A couple of notes on grounds, backstop will be filled in with dirt the ground is uneven and there is a gap below the backstop. The drainage issue near the gate will be addressed when the bathroom project begins. The gate entry will be repaired. The sprinkler system was winterized. The tennis nets were taken down after Thanksgiving weekend.

Holiday in the Depot: Friday, December 12, 2003 at 6:00p.m. sponsored by Washington Parks and Rec and the Washington Business Association. Santa suit at drycleaner. Polaroid's are being donated by Washington Pharmacy and photographer Cyndy Brissett is volunteering her services. Tree Lighting -Shepaug Boys Cross Country Team -Music David Yaunsem-Shepaug Choir Singing (**Ray to lend Lisa a halogen light**), John raffle gifts (donated by Ericson Agency as well as Santa)-Ernie and Cindy Finch's sleigh on display-Library, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, 5th grade class, Washington Business Association all taking place in and around town hall.

Purchase of Windshield and Top for Gator: Motion to table - **Lisa will ask Gary and CJ about the installation of the windshield** and then possibly get the top next year. The shipping, pick up-drop off cost, and installation cost added to the price of the materials could be as high as \$1,132 in conflict with the approved amount of \$441.10 last meeting.

(\$668.00 cozy cab, \$100-200 freight, \$195 installation, \$69 pick up-drop off)

Coordinators Report: Art classes were held with Kezia Hearn she had the minimum of 6 children. Basketball registrations taking place, donations for pavilion project collected, thank up notes designed. Computer problems-Bill Chin taking to Toshiba, everything backed up on disk and memory strip. \$440 taken in from bowling alleys, decided to put money back in to maintenance of the alleys, i.e. Stripping and waxing-**Lisa to call Bill Deering.** Danbury Alleys may have pins to donate-Lisa will stay in touch with them to come visit. Also need new rack for pool table.

NEW BUSINESS:

Hunter's Safety Course: Pete Marcucio, a Washington resident and state trooper, is offering a hunter safety course in cooperation with the Rod and Gun Club. Apprx. \$5.00 for an 8 hr. class. After discussion it was noted that he just needs approval from the selectman's office for a location in the town hall to hold the class.

2004 Calendar: submitted to the selectman's office. **Tim made the motion to accept the proposed calendar Ray second, unanimously approved.** It was decided a postcard will be sent to the commission members as a reminder for any changes (i.e., date or time of the meeting). Lou Magnoli, Tim Cook and Ray Reich are up for reappointment for a 3 year term. Note: Tim has served 25 years on the Parks and Recreation Commission-Congratulations!

Washington's 225 Anniversary Celebration: Dick Sears noted there is a lot of excitement about a celebration for 225 years. Would like to appoint a committee of volunteers to coordinate events, exhibits, contests, parades, etc., and they would come up with programming and cost schedules. It was suggested that we put money in our next years budget (July) for an event, possibly an outdoor family concert. Other suggestions were a Taste of Washington and/or a block party.

Joan made a suggestion that a celebration of appreciation be held in honor of Dennis Hussey who has generously served the Town of Washington for so many years. A date around St. Patrick's Day was mentioned. **Lou to check and find out the dates that Dennis will be Florida.** Paul Martin has improved miraculously and might be coming home soon. Congratulations to Grandpa Ray and Grandma Sue Reich who have welcomed with Megan and Steve a baby boy, Owen Reich George-9lbs

6oz! Sheila met with Dan Leab and the superintendent and noted our appreciation of cooperation between the town and the school. George Murphy died December 2, he was 97. He will be remembered for all of his civic service and contributions in so many ways to the Town of Washington. Our thoughts are with Kathy Gollow and her family on the death of her mother.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

NEXT MEETING JANUARY 12, 2004 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Holly Haas

Secretary pro tem