

May 17, 2010

Special Meeting

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

Present:

Chairman Sheila Anson, Commissioners Joan Gauthey (at Pavilion only), Lou Magnoli, Joe Fredlund, Ray Reich (at Town Beach only). Coordinator Lisa Easter, Clerk Mary Anne Greene. Selectman Nicholas Solley (at Town Beach only).

Call to Order:

Chairman Sheila Anson called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. at the River Walk Pavilion.

The Commissioners inspected the Pavilion facility and discussed the placement of dedication plaques when someone, or some organization, donates a tree, bench, etc. in memory of someone. There is concern about the placement and number of plaques on trees. Suggestions were made for possibly having a "Dedication Board" erected on the side of the Pavilion on which brass plates could be installed indicating what had been dedicated and by whom; or a "Dedication Map" that would show the location of what had been dedicated and by whom. Discussion continued with no final decision reached.

A plaque will be placed on the side of the fireplace thanking the Village Improvement Society for their generous donation and making construction of the fireplace possible. Large private donors will be asked if they would like to be acknowledged or remain anonymous. Two whiskey barrels will be placed and planted in front of the fireplace – hopefully prior to the Village Improvement Picnic on June 18th.

The meeting was then moved to the Washington Town Beach.

The Commissioners discussed the purchase and placement of play equipment, what it should be, what it should be made of, what age group should it be directed to, etc. Those present went to another location to look at a wooden Playscape that included swings, a slide, and climbing area in one unit. Most felt this would address the need that residents have expressed. Lisa Easter offered to look into companies that make this combination equipment and to look at other playground areas this week.

As there was not a quorum present, no formal decisions or approvals of expenditures were made.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m. as there was no further business for discussion.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Anne Greene
Clerk