

## May 8, 2006

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

Visitor: Rick Bette

**Call to Order:** Sheila Anson called the meeting to order at 7:03p.m.

### I. Visitor: Rick Bette

Rick designed the original River Walk and recently met with Sheila and Joe Fredlund and members of the Washington Garden Club to discuss plantings in front of the Pavilion by the fence. (WGC has graciously offered funding for this project). Rich presented his plans this evening that the commissioners were in favor of. He will get back to Parks and Rec with a quote.

### II. Minutes:

**Motion:** To approve the minutes of the April 11, 2006 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission. By Holly Haas, seconded by Lou Magnoli and unanimously approved.

### III. OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. River Walk Park:** Joe Fredlund distributed a draft of a Job description he has written for the position of Groundskeeper/Custodian that not only outlines his duties but breakdowns the number of hours necessary to complete the various tasks. Commissioners were in favor and will pass on to the Board of Selectmen.
- 2. Nick Platt Field Use, Tot Lot and Beach Playgrounds:** Lisa Easter reported she has not yet heard from Tim Cook who was going to review the size of the field and available space for the playground. She will check with him. She has contacted playground equipment companies and is waiting to hear back to schedule meetings with them at the different sites.
- 3. Beach/Boat Launch:** Ray Reich reported that Hank Vallely is "ready to go" for the season. Jeff Cox will be Beach Director for the upcoming season - still looking for an "assistant". Lisa will check with Jeff re: the possibility of Matt Hall taking that position. If he is not interested, will advertise.
- 4. Planning Commission-Depot Study:** No report.
- 5. Little League:** Tim Cook was not present to give a report. Lisa reported she was able to get a schedule of games for "Papa Joe" as there have been numerous requests for his presence at the fields .
- 6. Master Plan:** There was a question as to whether or not the septic system enlargement project was still in the capital budget for 2006-2007.
- 7. Fireworks:** Ray Reich reported that the tickets should be ready any day. Ticket prices will be \$20. All else is going well and on schedule.
- 8. Senior Projects:** No reports.
- 9. Summer Concerts:** Lisa reported that she has received word that the Navy Band is available on August 13th for this area. There is no charge other than we "need to feed them". Lisa has submitted Washington's name for consideration. She will also speak with Helga Hershey regarding her organizing another concert.

### IV. COORDINATOR'S REPORT: Lisa Easter

- 1. Swim Lessons:** Always VERY popular and all session are always full.

**2. Bus Trips:** Yankees vs. Angels - 8/13 - \$55, Red Sox vs. Baltimore - 10/1 - \$85.

**3. Karate:** Final grading will be 5/10 at WPS. Another session will begin 5/17.

**4. Summer Camps:** Registration has started. Ace Baseball and Berkshire Field Hockey will be getting their forms in soon.

#### **V. NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Opening Pavilion:** Parks and Rec Commissioners discussed the opening of the pavilion on weekends on a rotating volunteer schedule.

**2. Home Plate fencing:** Joan Gauthey mentioned that she has been approached about having netting put up for safety - this has been discussed previously. Lisa offered to check with Tim Cook to follow up.

#### **VI. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Sheila Anson**

**1. WEC-Denise Arturi:** Thank you to Denise for the fine job she has done as president of the Washington Environmental Council - there is a great article in their latest newsletter.

**2. Village Improvement Society Picnic:** June 16, 2006 at the Pavilion.

**3. Memorial Day Weekend:** Lots happening: Wendell Minor book (dedicated to Steve Reich) signing and Tavern sign exhibit. Wendell is donating his portion of sales this weekend to the Steven Reich Memorial Bridge Fund and Hickory Stick Bookshop is donating a portion of their sales to the fund also. There will also be the Cogswell Tavern open house, Lion's Club Lobster Sale, and the Memorial Day parade - Steven Reich Citizenship Award will be presented.

**4. HAPPY BIRTHDAY Phyllis Allen!**

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m. as there was no further business for discussion

**NEXT MEETING: June 19th, 7:00p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne Greene  
Clerk