

## May 9, 2005

**Present:** Chairman Sheila Anson, Holly Haas, Joan Gauthey, Joe Fredlund, Lisa Easter-Coordinator, Mary Anne Greene-Clerk.

Visitor: Helga Hershey

**Call to Order:** Sheila Anson called the meeting to order at 7:05p.m., noting there was not a quorum.

**Minutes:** Approval of the April 11, 2005 Regular Meeting and April 22, 2005 Special Meeting was tabled until the next meeting.

### VISITORS:

- **Helga Hershey** attended this evening's meeting to discuss **outdoor summer concerts**. As part of the 225th Anniversary Celebration, a concert was held last summer that was very well attended and the hope was to continue with at least one if not more this summer. There was quite a bit of discussion as to when and where (Town Hall Lawn or Pavilion) to hold the concerts. In reviewing the calendar for use of the Town Hall, it was decided to have a concert on September 4th at the Pavilion and combine this with a dedication of the new Pavilion/Bathroom facilities. Helga generously offered to organize, has several people she feels are willing to help, etc. Parks and Rec will assist in this venture as well.

### OLD BUSINESS:

- **River Walk Pavilion Project:** Joe Fredlund reported this project is moving along very well. Tuesday meetings that were being held with contractors, Selectmen, Parks and Rec members, etc. will now only be held if Dan Martin feels they are needed.
- **Little League:** No Report.
- **Beach/Boat Launch:** Lisa Easter reported that plans for the summer season are progressing. Hank Vallely has been working closely with First Selectman Dick Sears regarding the boat launch regulations and future regulations that will be as a result of the Agreement with the State of CT. A concern was voiced by the Commission that the income from the Beach and Boat Launch is deposited into the General Fund, yet salaries for the personnel to man these two posts is taken out of the Parks and Rec line in the budget. Is there a way to "credit" the income to Parks and Rec directly?
- **4th of July Fireworks:** Lisa reported that donations are beginning to come in.

### COORDINATOR'S REPORT: Lisa Easter reported:

- **After School Arts and Crafts** has only three children registered for the May Mobiles class - but hopeful more may sign up. June's class will be creating stenciled t-shirts.
- **Spring Swim:** All classes are full.
- **Summer Camps:** Jessica and Jeff are returning to the Beach as Directors, Summer Rec Pre-K-K counselors are set, Lisa is waiting to hear if Courtney will be directing Summer Rec Program (also has someone else interested in the position if Courtney is not able to return).
- **Brochure:** Nancy Mygatt has been working on the summer brochure, which should be mailed in the very near future.
- **VOICES:** has contacted Lisa re: doing a centerfold with programs listed. A discussion followed

as to whether or not to do this. Some programs would need to be listed as "residents of Washington only", others could be wait listed for non-residents, sign-up deadlines, etc. Lisa will look into this further.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Pilates Class:** A teacher from New Milford has offered to do a class at the Town Hall starting on Tuesday evening 5/17 from 7:00-8:00p.m. for 8 weeks. Cost for participants would be \$80. Consensus of those commissioners present was to approve the request.
- **Volunteer Coaches of the Year:** Sheila reported that each year the Secretary of State's office honors volunteers - this year the category is "coaches" and all towns have been asked to submit names. Several Washington coaches (past and present) were mentioned and Sheila will submit them.
- **ADA Request:** Joan Gauthey reported she has been contacted regarding a child with physical limitations whose parents may wish to have her attend our Summer Rec Program. There may be a need for a counselor to be assigned only to this child. The Commission will refer the matter to the Board of Selectmen (as this may be a budget issue) and the ADA Coordinator, Gary Fitzherbert.
- **Monthly Financial Report:** Mary Anne Greene distributed - there were no questions or discussions.
- **Irrigation Project at Ted Alex Fields:** Joe Fredlund reported on the installation and renovation of an automatic irrigation system at the baseball fields. The project will be done in three phases starting with the Ted Alex Field, then the softball field and finally the little league field. Work will begin soon.

#### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

- **Sheila Anson** had no "news" to report this evening but wished to congratulate the Town Hall Staff for the sense of humor every one has exhibited during these early stages of demolition (in connection to the elevator installation) at the Town Hall. Dust and noise levels have been at an all time high and bathroom availability at an all time low.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20p.m.

**NEXT MEETING: JUNE 20, 2005, 7:00P.M.**

Respectfully submitted, Mary Anne Greene  
Clerk