

## June 14, 2004

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

Visitors: First Selectman Dick Sears, Jen Jankowski, Patrice Griffing.

**Call to Order:** Sheila Anson called the meeting to order at 7:04p.m. noting there was a quorum.

**Minutes: Motion:** To approve the minutes of the May 10, 2004 meeting. By Ray Reich, seconded by Joan Gauthey and unanimously approved.

**I. Visitors: Jen Jankowski and Patrice Griffing from Rumsey Summer Camp** attended this evening's meeting to inquire about using the Town beach 1-2- days a week for water safety classes for 3-5 year olds. They would supply lifeguards and swim instructors. Campers would be transported from Rumsey by bus. Discussion followed about the time they would be using the beach - immediately before the beach opened or at the very start of the day when there are not many people using the beach. **Motion:** To accept the proposal from Rumsey Hall School camp to use the Town beach for water safety classes. The number of days a week and hours should be worked out with Lisa Easter, Parks and Rec Coordinator. By Ray Reich, Holly Haas and unanimously approved.

### II. OLD BUSINESS:

**a. Beach and Boat Launch:** Ray Reich reported that Hank Vallely has been running the boat launch and all is going fine. As far as the agreement with the State to use the boat launch, there is nothing new to report but talks are moving along. The beach is in fine shape for a 6/22/04 opening. There will be a final clean up on 6/21. Lisa Easter has arranged for a blood borne pathogen class to be held at the Town Hall on 6/21 at 1:00p.m. for lifeguards and summer rec counselors.

**b. River walk Pavilion Project:** Sheila Anson reported that she had received a notice from Zoning Commission that letters needed to be sent to surrounding property owners prior to the 6/28/04 Zoning meeting regarding the work that will be done on the Pavilion. Thanks to the Easter family for preparing the letters and appropriate forms to all 28 property owners. Bill Worcester, architect, will attend the meeting. Joe Fredlund reported that Bill is putting numbers together for the improvements. Lisa Was asked to contact Bill regarding going out to bid for the project.

**c. Little League:** Tim Cook reported that it was a great year and the end of year tournament was a great success - thank you to Bill Curran for a fine job! The Shepaug Little League final tournament will be 6/15/04.

**d. 225th Anniversary Celebration:** Sheila reported the monthly meeting of the 225th committee was held this date. Some new ideas were discussed (a fashion show with "local" models?). A special edition of the Town's newsletter will be coming out soon with just 225th news. The next event will be Bill Bader's walking tour of the Depot to be held on 6/26/04. Sales of the 225th t-shirts at the market will be stopped for a time so as not to compete with the 4th of July t-shirt sales.

**e. 4th of July:** Ray Reich reported all is on schedule. The band this year will be set up closer to the shooting area - more of the crowd should be able to hear them and the music can be better coordinated to the shooting of the fireworks. Trooper Sordi has reported to Ray that there will be more police on duty and will be especially alert for underage drinking. Police dogs will also be used. Dumpsters will be placed by the snow fence and the tennis courts to hopefully help with the amount of garbage that is left for the clean up crew. Frisbie Road will be closed to any traffic this year as people were coming in through the woods in previous years. Handicapped parking will be increased in the area of the tennis courts. Clean up will be the following morning as usual - 6:00a.m. - all welcome! Commissioners will

have the same jobs as always on the 4th. Tim Cook will ask the Quists to again sing the National Anthem. Donations are coming in fine however t-shirt sales have been down slightly. Porta-potties will be set up on 7/2 and the need to have someone stay overnight at the school grounds was discussed. Dick Sears suggested using boy scouts who could camp out at Shepaug. The last day to purchase tickets will be 7/3 and anyone interested in helping sell t-shirts should contact Ray.

**III. COORDINATOR'S REPORT:** Lisa Easter reported all is going very well. Summer swim starts next Tuesday; Summer Rec is filling up fast. Nine counselors have been hired back and there will be 8 CITs. Tickets for the 4th from Lisa's office have started to pick up. There are broken tree limbs that need to be taken care of by the softball field and walking path. Roger Cannavaro of the Highway Department has been contacted. Tickets will be available for Yankees vs. Anaheim game on 8/22. \$55 will include ticket and bus fee.

#### **IV. NEW BUSINESS:**

**a. Backboards at WPS:** Joe Fredlund has spoken with Paul Cullen and has gotten prices for adjustable backboards that can be used for the younger players - \$10,600 for 4 if glass, \$8,800 if wood. Paul has said that the Superintendent and Business Manager need to be contacted. The Parks and Rec Commission has approximately \$4000 that could be used for this project - this amount could purchase 2. Joe thinks there is a possibility of getting a donation to purchase the other two. It was decided to table any vote on this until all figures could be gotten together.

**b. Dick Sears reported:** **\*\*225th Anniversary** parade and picnic should be a great event - there will be approximately 11 floats and 18 antique cars. **\*\*ASAP** relationship with Parks and Rec will be coming to an end in the near future - it is taking time for them to get the necessary work done for non-profit status. We will continue to take in grant money and donations - all other income will go through someone else. All should be completed by the end of December. **\*\*Shepaug Youth Patrol** grant was not approved and they are looking to other organizations for donations. Trooper Steve Sordi, and Officers Pat Kessler and Herb Furhman have volunteered their time to get the program started. Participants have already been trained in water safety and first aid. Insurance coverage was discussed. Dick will speak with Kathy Gollow regarding this. **\*\*Looking ahead:** Dick spoke to the commissioners regarding their future plans and priorities on projects - recreational facilities, upgrading of the beach property, etc. Dick recommended Parks and Rec stay active and involved when the Town starts speaking about Open Space, Housing, etc.

**c. Boathouse:** Ray voiced his opinion that if the boathouse is rebuilt, those who store their boats there could be asked for donations. He feels the Commission should stay committed to keep rowing on the lake.

**V. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** Congratulations to all area graduates on their academic and athletic accomplishments. Special congratulations to Kate Fredlund for pitching a perfect softball game! Congratulations to area college grads and to Dave Werkhoven and Sandy Brugger who will be retiring from Shepaug. Congratulations to C.J. Kersten for being chosen as this year's "Friend of Shepaug"!

**VI. Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:48p.m.

#### **VII. NEXT MEETING - JULY 12, 2004, 7:00P.M.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Anne Greene  
Secretary