

July 12, 2004

Present: Chairman Sheila Anson, C. J. Kersten, Joe Fredlund, Joan Gauthey, Tim Cook, Coordinator Lisa Easter, Secretary Mary Anne Greene.

Visitors: First Selectman Dick Sears, Anne Hungerford and William Worcester.

Minutes: Motion: To approve the minutes of the June 14, 2004 meeting as submitted. By Tim Cook, seconded by Joan Gauthey and unanimously approved.

I. Visitors:

- **JoAnne Torti** was not able to attend this evening however she did ask Lisa Easter to report that at the 225th Celebration Show at Shepaug on September 18th, **ASAP** students will be performing with Pilobolus and will be dedicating a piece to the Washington Parks and Recreation Commission in gratitude for all the Commission has done for the program.
- **Anne Hungerford** came to this evening's meeting to propose giving an **evening yoga class** at the Town Hall under the sponsorship of the Commission. She is currently in training under Marie Fourcourt who will be leaving the area and who has quite a following. Thursday evenings would be convenient for Anne and would work well with the meeting schedule at the Town Hall. Classes would start late August or early September. Later in the meeting there was discussion re: this proposal. **Motion:** To accept Anne's proposal for teaching an evening yoga class. By Joan Gauthey, seconded by Tim Cook and unanimously approved.
- **William Worcester** presented the commissioners with updated plans for the pavilion project. See below for more detail.

II. OLD BUSINESS:

a. "River Walk Pavilion Project": Sheila reported that the plans have been approved by the Zoning Commission. She, Tim and Joe will be meeting again with Linc Cornell to update him on fundraising and the amount of money raised to date. They will also request to attend the Village Improvement Society's next meeting. Bill Worcester presented the plans and there was lengthy discussion regarding materials, colors, styles, etc. Bill will make the necessary adjustments to the plans and the Selectmen will extend an Invitation to Bid for the project at Thursday's (July 15th) Selectmen's Meeting. Bids will be due by August 12th, the "Comfort Station sub-committee" will have a chance to review them, meeting altogether on August 23rd in preparation for the bid to be awarded on August 26th.

b. Beach and Boat Launch: Dick Sears reported that progress is being made with the State and more details will be available in a few days.

c. 4th of July: Sheila reported in Ray Reich's absence that the day was a huge success - starting with the road race in the morning with 84 participants. The Fireworks were spectacular, parking and traffic went smoothly. More details will be coming from Ray. The suggestion was made to have cans placed next to garbage cans that could be used for recyclable and returnable containers.

d. 225th Anniversary Celebration: Dick Sears reported that Bill Bader's Walking Tour and the Art of Washington Art Show at the Town Hall were both very successful. The next event will be the Bluegrass Concert on the lawn of the Town Hall on July 29th at 6:30. Plans for the parade and picnic are moving right along - there will be antique cars, floats, the Shriners, a sky diver, baseball games, stage coach rides, aerial photos, etc. The committee has asked Parks and Rec to consider having activities available that would be specifically geared to small children at the picnic.

e. Backboards at WPS: Joe reported the he met with Region #12's Business Manager, Bob Geason,

and he feels the Region will be able to purchase one backboard. The Rec Commission will purchase two and a private donor has agreed to pay for one.

III. COORDINATOR'S REPORT: Lisa submitted her report that summarized the Summer Rec program - all going very well - good enrollments, activities planned with field trips scheduled to Action Wildlife Preserve, the Gunn Library and Museum, Lore's Lanes and Shepaug High School for a "carnival atmosphere" on the last day of camp. Summer Swim is again very popular with high registration numbers. Summer Tennis went very well and instructor JoAnn Kelly was very pleased with the numbers, etc. Tickets are on sale for the August 2nd Yankees vs. Anaheim game. Lisa will be away and has asked for a Rec Commission member to go on the trip.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Fencing costs: Gate work and fencing have been completed at the ball fields and pavilion area. Banks Fencing invoice will be in the amount of \$2200.00. **Motion:** To pay \$2200 from "Field Upkeep" upon receipt of the bill. By Joe Fredlund, seconded by C. J. Kersten and unanimously approved.

b. July-August 2005 meeting: As several of the commissioners are away in July and August, Sheila brought up the possibility of having next year's July-August meetings combined into one meeting at the end of July.

c. Purchase Order Reminder: Sheila reminded all Commissioners that any and all purchases made **must** be done with a Purchase Order.

V. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Sheila noted special congratulations to Joan Gauthey for winning the "Manure raffle" at the Green Fair. Happy July Birthdays to Joan (Today), Joe, Tim and Mary Anne!

VI. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20p.m.

NEXT MEETING: SEPTEMBER 13TH, 2004, 7:00P.M. (There will be NO regularly scheduled August meeting).

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Anne Greene
Secretary