

## July 14, 2003

Chairman Sheila Anson called the meeting to order at 7:02p.m.

**Present:** Sheila Anson, Joe Fredlund, Lisa Easter, Lou Magnoli, C. J. Kersten, Ray Reich, Holly Haas, Joan Gauthey, Mary Anne Greene, Secretary. Guests: Diana Wright, Hank Valley.

**Minutes: Motion:** To accept the minutes of the May 12th meeting as presented by Joan Gauthey, seconded by Holly Haas and unanimously approved. **Motion:** To accept the minutes of the June 17th meeting as presented by Ray Reich, seconded by C.J. Kersten and unanimously approved.

**I. GUESTS: Diana Wright:** Diana presented a request from the Shepaug Soccer Club to use the soccer field at the Washington Primary School for the Fall 2003 soccer season. The schedule for playing is worked out with the Gunnery who also uses the field. This has been the arrangement for the past several years and seems to work out fine. Parks and Rec. will get back to Diana with their approval. Diana also mentioned that the Soccer Club would be willing to speak to the appropriate commission(s) regarding the use of the old town garage property and the possibility of the town using it for more playing fields. She would be willing to get numbers of players, etc. together.

**Hank Valley:** Hank wanted to make the Commission and the Selectmen aware of the fact that quite a few people use the beach after hours and more than half of these people are not residents of Washington and/or do not have beach passes. He raised the question of the Town's liability and his own. The Commission requested the minutes reflect the fact that Hank is not responsible. Discussion as to the Town's liability if the main entrance is locked and people still enter from another area. It does not seem to be a problem after dark. It was decided that Parks and Rec. should write a memo to the Selectmen expressing the concerns and cc: this to David Miles, Town Attorney. Also the minutes should reflect gratitude to Hank for planting flowers in the barrels.

### II. OLD BUSINESS:

**A. Beach and Boat Launch:** See above notes re: Hank's concerns. Ray Reich reported that the Boat Launch discussions with the State are still under way. Ray also reported that he is very comfortable with the input and assistance that the Lake Waramaug Association has provided throughout these negotiations. The "final" agreement will need to be approved and signed by the Town.

**B. Fourth of July:** Ray Reich provided the Commissioners with a financial report. The expenses this year were slightly more than the income (difference less than \$2000). When all bills are paid, funds will be put back into a CD. A few problems brought up for discussion were the number of people coming into the fireworks from Frisbie Road - not paying. Access next year may be blocked off which will be an additional expense. Also discussion of moving the handicapped parking spaces back to the tennis court area and VIP area. Ray also spoke with the Fireworks company re: the "misfires" that were shot off around 11:00 after the show. The notes should commend Resident Trooper Steve Sordi for the fine job done with the parking this year. Suggestion made to have a specific schedule next year of when and where tickets will be sold. Also thanks to the American Legion who provides food for the police and the "shooters". **THANKS TO RAY REICH FOR A FINE JOB!** Sheila Anson reported that the road race went very well and has become a very popular event even with runners from out-of-town.

**C. Comfort Station:** Sheila reported that she and other commissioners will be meeting with Susie Payne next week to begin fundraising efforts. Linc Cornell will be helping. Joe Fredlund asked the question as to whether or not construction could begin when the funds raised are "close". Lisa Easter will check with the Selectmen's office. Also Joe will check to see if Tim Cook spoke with Dave Showalter about being the "clerk of the works" for the project.

**D. Parent Council/Shepaug Youth Association:** Joe Fredlund reported that Andrew from the Salem Church has organized several ultimate Frisbee games and these have been very popular. Parks and Rec. is co-sponsoring a trip to Lake Compounce with SYA. No sign ups yet. Will cancel if not enough sign up.

**E. Old Town Garage Property:** See below under Plan of Development.

**F. Baseball/Little League:** Tim Cook not present to give a report. However, discussion regarding the use of the gator. Policy needs to be developed as to who can use it, the care and operation of it, etc. Also need to define the groundskeeper's duties hours needed to perform these duties. Joan Gauthey offered to speak with Ray Osborne, groundskeeper. Sheila will also contact the Washington Garden Club re: the trees they have planted and what they expect from us. Also discussed the need to repair and/or replace backstops. Softball field's backstop in the worst condition. Will look into costs, etc. There is money in "field upkeep" account.

**G. Bike Rodeo:** Lisa Easter reported this was a huge success with approximately 30-40 children attending.

**III.COORDINATOR'S REPORT:** Lisa Easter reported one bus for the Yankees/Red Sox game is filled-the second has 12 seats reserved. The Connecticut Sun game only has 10 people signed up. ACE Baseball Camp, Swim Lessons and Summer Rec. Camp have all run or are running very smoothly. Tennis Lessons ran for only one week this year. Dimensions Basketball Camp did not have the 32 maximum enrolled but was close. Spartan Hoop School, Berkshire Field Hockey and Soccer Camp are still accepting registrations.

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

**A. Plan of Conservation and Development Meeting:** The new Plan will be presented to the public July 15th. Ray Reich and Joan Gauthey are planning on attending.

**B. Before and After School Program:** Teresa Reutzler will keep the Commission up-dated on plans for this.

**C. Grass Roots:** Needs to be contacted to come again to do the fields.

**D. Morning Swim:** All appropriate Use of Building Forms have been completed for use of pool and other facilities at Shepaug.

**V. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** Sheila Anson expressed words of sympathy for the Bailey Family. Thanks to all for a wonderful job on the 4th of July!

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35p.m.

**NEXT MEETING: AUGUST 11TH , 2003**

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne Greene  
Secretary