

## August 11, 2003

Chairman Sheila Anson called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. noting there is not a quorum.

**Present:** Sheila Anson, Ray Reich, Joe Fredlund, Lisa Easter, and Tim Cook arriving at 7:25 p.m..

### I. OLD BUSINESS

**a. Beach & Boat Launch:** Ray Reich reported 2 beach closures at Lake Warmaug due to the rains we have had, elevating the bacteria count temporarily to an unsafe level. All else is well. Lisa added that Leah Smith will be acting as Beach Director with Courtney Dohman as lifeguard during the week the public schools reopen before Labor Day. Hank Vallely will be available to help out also. The regular staff will work the Labor Day Weekend, with Labor Day being the last day of this beach season.

**b. Comfort Station:** Sheila Anson reported that she and Joe are meeting further with Linc Cornell and Susie Payne, forming a "Pavilion Project Advisory Commission" and putting the finishing touches on a fund raising letter to be mailed out as soon as possible.

**c. Parent Council/Youth Association:** Joe Fredlund reports the Lake Compounce Trip was cancelled due to lack of interest. He did receive some calls after the registration deadline, but they were too late. Additionally, the upcoming Ravens Baseball game was cancelled for the same reasons. The trip for Skateboarding at Axis held on July 30th had enough interest, as does the very successful Ultimate Frisbee held every Wednesday at our fields next to the Pavilion.

**d. Town Garage Property - Plan of Development:** Tabled until September meeting.

**e. Baseball/Little League:** Tim Cook reported 21 games held in All Stars and the final games were postponed from last weekend to this weekend due to "liquid sunshine". Grass Roots is waiting on cooperation from the weather to apply the weed kill to the infields and clay areas of all the fields. Hannah Shalett, an outstanding Shepaug Softball Alumni, has expressed interest in being an umpire for our girl's softball program late next spring/summer.

**f. Coordinator's Report:** Lisa Easter reports Summer Rec Camp ran smoothly. Reports from the Camp Director, Pre K/K Director and Arts & Crafts Director are on file. Soccer Camp is being held today through Friday, with a total enrollment of 60 children. The Mohegan Sun Basketball bus trip did not happen due to lack of interest. The bus was cancelled saving money, and the monies paid by individuals were refunded. The Yankees bus trip is almost full. Two more trips for fall were discussed, an October 22 matinee to see "Mama Mia" on Broadway and a bus trip to see "A Christmas Carol" at Madison Square Garden in November/December. One or both trips would be shared with Roxbury Recreation.

### IV. NEW BUSINESS:

**a. Backstop:** Tim Cook will be getting prices to replace the backstop at Dick Ayer Field. Tim will report back at next month's meeting.

### V. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

When making up the schedule for 2004, the Commission should consider not scheduling a meeting in August; a special meeting could be called if there is business that needs to be discussed. Instead, a tour of the beach/boat ramp or a ride on the police boat may be more appropriate as we wind down our summer programs.

A note of appreciation to all of our program directors and summer staff for their efforts on our behalf to offer a variety of activities to the residents and friends of the Town of Washington. Thanks also to

Commission members and staff (Lisa and Mary Anne!) and our volunteers for all your contributions.

Congratulations to Meredith Stuart for competing in the Junior Olympics (field hockey) last month in Michigan and to all the athletes, artists, campers, etc., whose achievements this summer we may not know about but may have resulted from participation in some of our programs. Even if they didn't participate in our programs but earned some special recognition, CONGRATULATIONS!

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING: September 8th , 2003 at 7:00 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa A. Easter  
Coordinator