

Meeting Minutes

Windham Recreation Committee

Thursday, May 21, 2009

In Attendance: Cheryl, Ralph, Glen, Barry, Lynn, Scott at 8:05, Dennis at 8:10

Excused: Meg, Bill, Chris, Michelle, Ross

Absent: Brian, Carl

Ralph chaired the meeting in the absence of the Chairman at 7:37 PM and welcomed all of those present. The attendance of 4 constituted a quorum.

Motion by Barry, second by Glen to accept the minutes of Nov. 20, 2009 as submitted.
Motion passed, 4 – 0.

Motion by Barry, second by Lynn to accept the minutes of Feb. 19, 2009 as submitted.
Motion passed, 4 – 0.

Motion by Barry, second by Glen to accept the minutes of Apr. 16, 2009 as submitted.
Motion passed, 4 – 0.

Rec Coordinator Updates

Cheryl discussed upcoming events; she encouraged volunteers for Beach Cleanup Day on May 30 at 11:30 AM; Beach is opening on June 7; Town Day is July 11; the Senior Picnic is July 31; Festaball is June 13; Strawberry Festival is June 6th.

Cheryl will be meeting with Conservation Commission regarding extending the hours for the Park Rangers into October;

Cheryl continues to review recreation applications as they come into her office;

Cheryl reviewed the budget; The Selectmen have voted to increase the levels of spending: 0-\$2,500 only need one vendor, \$2,501 – \$7,500 three quotes needed, Town administrator makes choice with input from Rec and if greater than \$7,500 needs to go out to a formal bid.

Cheryl mentioned that she had reached out several times to Brian Carne about the conflicts between his very busy schedule and the Rec schedule.

The Boy Scouts are using GP tonight for a meeting.

A daycare is using GP on 5/28/and 5/29/09.

The Girl Scouts are using the beach on 6/2/09.

The CPIA Waterski Show is 8/15/09.

Pine Terrace is using Rogers on Labor Day Weekend.

The skate park currently has 230 residents; 110 non-residents with permits. Summer program registration is June 1 and June 8. There are currently over 80 kids in mini-sports right now.

Cheryl is meeting with WIRE regarding a community outreach event.

Scott arrived and sat in as the fifth member.

Old Business:

Parking Lot Maintenance: a suggestion was made to redo parking lots at Rogers (\$1,650) Tokanel (\$960) and Nashua Rd. (\$3,460), with gravel not pavement based on quotes in hand. After a brief discussion, Scott made a motion to redo the parking lots at Rogers and Tokanel, accepting the quotes as submitted. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Dennis Arrived and sat in as the sixth member and assumed chairmanship of the meeting.

Under Maintenance, it was suggested that a portion of the stone wall that borders with Johnson Farm on the East side of Griffin Park, from the break in the wall leading to Johnson's ice cream stand along the wall to an approximate point near where the tennis courts intersect with the baseball field. Members were asked to walk this wall so that we could have a further discussion at the next meeting.

Under maintenance it was suggested that when the members walked the stone wall, they would also review the area in that front corner of the park (again near Johnson's Ice cream stand) which was cleaned up a couple of years ago, with the thought that the area could be used for some passive recreational purpose, ie picnic tables.

Dennis updated the Committee on the "bridge over the swales at Griffin". It was determined that the pipe could be extended 18' and the swale filled in to create the bridge without a permit. Jack will price this; Dennis to report at the next meeting.

Dennis reported that the pond could be cleaned without a permit; if the pond remained full, the cleaning would be done by hand, if drained, cleaned by a machine;

Dennis reported that there was some discussion about a windmill at Griffin, but the first cost estimate was prohibitive. Ralph will talk to Freedom Renewable Energy about a windmill estimate.

New Business:

Scott mentioned that WBSL was considering setting up a Fall Baseball program; it would be for Windham Residents only, ages 7 to 13; such discussion was in its early stages. WBSL would work around the soccer schedule.

The chairman reminded members that it was very important to attend the June meeting. We will be voting for new members, and we will be reviewing the rules.

Motion to adjourn by Barry, second by Scott, motion passed 6 – 0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 PM.