

**Approved Windham Recreation Committee Minutes – September 19, 2013
Community Development Department, 3 North Lowell Rd, Windham, NH**

Vice Chair Chris O'Neil called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm

Members Present: Chris O'Neil, Mark Lucas, Fred Connarn. Also present was Recreation Coordinator Cheryl Haas. Dennis Senibaldi arrived at 7:45 pm for 15 minutes.

Members Excused: Tim Kelleher, Bill Fidler. Selectmen Liaison Kathleen DiFruscia

Mr. Connarn, Alternate, will sit in for Tim Kelleher.

Minutes

Mark Lucas made a motion to approve the minutes of June 20, 2013, July 18, 2013, and August 15, 2013; seconded by Fred Connarn, the vote carried 3-0.

Electricity for Tree Lighting

Jay Yennaco, owner of Delahunty's, was present at the meeting. He briefly explained to the Committee that the electricity on the Town Common could use improvement and upgrade, to improve the lights and safety for the Annual Tree Lighting. A quote was received from Steve Koza, Windham Resident, who works for East Coast Electrical Contractors for \$1,346. Mark Lucas made a motion to approve the proposal, seconded by Fred Connarn, the vote carried 3-0.

Trees at Griffin Park

Jay Yennaco informed the Committee that he will replace the tree at Griffin Park along the pathway prior to Harvest Fest. He also noted that we are about \$15,000 into the \$100,000 donation with the trees.

Batting Cage Proposal from Windham Baseball Softball League (WBSL)

Jay Yennaco, on behalf of the Windham Baseball Softball League, spoke about the batting cage that the league would like to build at Griffin Park. He is going to the Board of Selectmen on September 23, 2013 for approval. Mr. Yennaco spoke with Charlie Boyden from Boyden's Landscaping, about the project. The maintenance and upkeep of the batting cage would be the responsibility of WBSL. They would take the nets down in the winter. After looking at all of the possible locations at Griffin, the proposal of having it come off of the Multi-Use Building was the best option for them. There is power, and this is the location that does not disturb utilities. The league wants the batting cage close to the three baseball fields. Mr. Yennaco noted that they have a similar one at Center School. There was discussion regarding the location, and because of that, Mr. Yennaco was looking into another option of having the batting cage parallel to the building as well as the option of it being perpendicular to the building. After some discussion, Mark Lucas made a motion to support the batting cage at Griffin Park, seconded by Fred Connarn, the vote carried 3-0.

CIP Update – Dennis Senibaldi

Mr. Senibaldi reported to the Committee that the presentation for Spruce Pond at the CIP meeting went well, receiving good scores. The project will be funded in the CIP and go to the ballot in March. He noted that he did put the project up to \$275,000 from \$250,000 because of adding underground water tanks and some of the vendor prices increased. His plan is to have specs done in January, a bid done in February, and then hopefully the project will pass on the March ballot. He was planning on putting the upkeep/maintenance of the field for the year 2014 in the bid specs so we would not have to add funds into the sports field account for the 2014 budget.

CPIA

The Committee would like to invite the CPIA (Cobbetts Pond Improvement Association) to the January 2014 Recreation Committee meeting to discuss the boat launch. From that meeting, they would like to start a sub-committee to look at the current rules. Because the rules have been the same for thirty years, the Committee felt that it was important to review them. Ms. Haas will invite CPIA and put them on the January agenda.

Harvest Fest Update

Ms. Haas updated the Committee on the October 19, 2013 Harvest Fest. The trick-or-treat portion has about 25 businesses signed up with her, and there are also some who have signed up with Laura Scott, Community Development Director. The rear of Griffin, from 1-3 pm, has many activities such as pie baking contest, face painting, pumpkin decorating, and more. Ms. Haas is looking into a hay maze as well.

Mark Lucas a motion to adjourn at 8:15 pm; seconded by Fred Connarn. The vote carried 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted:

Cheryl Haas
Recreation Coordinator