

**Recreation Committee Meeting
September 15, 2005**

Members Present: Chairman Dennis Senibaldi called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm. Ralph Valentine, Lynn Goldman, Barry Goldman, Earl Bartlett were present. Cheryl Haas, Recreation Coordinator, and Bruce Breton, Selectman, were present as well. Chairman Senibaldi noted that Lynn Goldman would sit in for Kathy Narkewich this evening as a voting member.

Members Excused:

Members Absent: Kathy Narkewich

Old Business:

Mr. Valentine reported that the tents (FLOW'S) that were missing have been found and they are back at the library. Chairman Senibaldi noted that there are still 2 Recreation tents still missing, but the two that were purchased in August are in the Multi-use Building at Griffin Park.

Ms. Haas informed the Committee that Jack McCartney, Road Agent, looked at the trees at Rogers Field and recommends that two of them be taken down. There was discussion at the previous Recreation Committee meeting regarding the trees and there was a motion to have an arborist look at the trees. Ms. Haas looked into how to handle this after the last meeting and that is why the Town's Road Agent became involved. Mr. Senibaldi feels that an arborist should look at the trees. He feels that it is easier to cut trees than to keep them and that it takes a very long time for trees to grow, so the decision should be well thought out. The majority of the Committee feels that Mr. McCartney's opinion is enough. Ralph Valentine made a motion for the Recreation Coordinator to work with Administration and the Road Agent on this project, and to go with their recommendation; Earl Bartlett seconded; the voted carried 4-1 (Chairman Senibaldi opposed.) Ms. Haas is going to have Mr. McCartney mark the two trees, then give the Committee the opportunity to look at the trees, and then go from there.

Ms. Haas received a letter back from Vermont Tennis regarding the heaves on the basketball courts and the ripple on the tennis courts. After a great deal of discussion, Ms. Haas is going to ask Vermont Tennis to come back to Windham to meet with the Recreation Committee, Sam Maranto, Bruce Breton, and Cheryl Haas to discuss previous discussions that they had regarding the ripple in the courts. If the courts need to be re-surfaced to get rid of the ripple, the Committee needs to know who is responsible for paying for this. The Committee feels that if the courts are going to be repaired, they need to be done this spring (2006).

The Recreation Committee vacancies have been posted and it was decided that the Committee would write a letter of support to the Board of Selectmen recommending Glen Yergeau.

Ms. Haas updated the Committee on the Harvest Festival on October 15, 2005. The name was changed because the library (FLOW) has an event called Pumpkin Festival. Mr. Breton suggested to have hay rides around the perimeter of Griffin Park. Ms. Haas will be going forward with the plans and will contact the Committee if help is needed. Ms. Haas has been in contact with the Girl Scouts, Woman's Club, P.T.A., FLOW, Garden Club, Newcomer's Club, Boy Scouts, WSA and Johnson's Farm. Chairman Senibaldi and Ms. Haas will meet with the Lion's Club and Apple Acres.

Chairman Senibaldi began the updates on field maintenance. Al Barlow had a conversation with Ms. Dinsmore about Searles Field regarding the pruning and trimming of the entire fence area. Chairman Senibaldi reported to the Committee that she had no issues with this. Brandin Landscaping received three quotes from companies to clear the entire fence line, beginning at the chemical toilet location all the way around the fence. The fence is going to get damaged if work is not completed. There is a great deal of overgrowth as well as saplings growing through the fence. The clearing would be done from behind the fence and then limb some of the trees up. THERE WILL BE NO STUMPING. The filling of the holes has already been completed. Mr. Valentine recommended that the Committee uses the money in the budget for this project and other maintenance issues, and then if needed go to the WSA if additional funds are needed. Mr. Bartlett made a motion to de-brush and limb the entire fence area at Searles Field as needed and not to exceed \$3500, Barry Goldman seconded; the vote passed 5-0. Ms. Haas will confirm with Mr. Sullivan that the Committee is following the correct process and then she will contact Brandin Landscaping.

Chairman Senibaldi informed the Committee that loom had been delivered to Nashua Rd. and Tolkanel Fields for Brandin Landscaping to fill in the holes. Mr. Valentine mentioned that the area by the handicapped parking space at Nashua Rd. needs to be taken care of because there is a lot of water. There needs to be some gravel or a plan to direct water away.

Ms. Haas mentioned that a group uses the tennis courts at Nashua Rd. and requested that the brush be trimmed off the courts. Ms. Haas forwarded this request to Al Barlow.

Mr. Bartlett discussed that the holes in the outfield at Rogers Field need to be filled with a sand and loam mix (a 2:1 ratio), and that it should be done this time of year. Mr. Bartlett made a motion to have 4 yards of a loam and sand mix delivered to Rogers Field for Brandin to fill in the holes and re-seed them and for this project not to exceed \$700, Ralph Valentine seconded; the motion carried 5-0.

New Business:

Chairman Senibaldi reported to the Committee that the Windham Basketball Club (WBC) has purchased a scoreboard, an additional wireless remote/console, a laser printer, and Quick Books. The scoreboard is being donating to the school. Discussion came up on whose responsibility it was to take care of the maintenance of the scoreboard or who would pay for repairs if it was damaged. Selectman Breton told the Committee that it is not the responsibility of Recreation to be paying for repairs to a scoreboard or remote that doesn't belong to the Town.

Ms. Haas mentioned that her hours have changed, and are posted on the website and are as follows: Mondays and Wednesdays 8:30-3:30 pm, Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:30- 3 pm, and Fridays, 9:30-2:30 pm. She also can be reached on her cell phone at any time.

Ms. Haas informed the Committee that she will be sitting on an interview panel on Saturday, Sept. 24, 2005 for the Town of Amherst with their search for a Recreation Director.

The Committee received a copy of a quote for additional fencing on Field C at Griffin Park that was given to the Recreation Coordinator by Charlie McMahan. Mr. McMahan put this on hold last week but will be coming forward again to the Board of Selectmen with this proposal. The Recreation Committee would like to informed when something is happening at Griffin Park, or any other recreational field or facility in the future. It was decided to wait to discuss this further until the joint meeting with the Board of Selectmen on September 19, 2005.

Ms Haas mentioned that she attended the WSA meeting (soccer) this past Monday evening, September 12, 2005.

Ms. Haas informed the Committee that information regarding EEE is posted on the Town's website, and she has forwarded information to John LaRochelle from WSA. Ms. Haas also contacted the School to see what precautions they were taking. The School sent a notice home on the first day of school and has information posted. The Town is looking into having the fields sprayed. This will be discussed by the Board of Selectmen on September 19, 2005. Ms. Goldman mentioned the Harvest Festival and any possible affects.

Mr. Breton presented the proposed plan regarding the property across the street from Griffin Park. Charlie McMahon had presented this to the Board of Selectmen this past Monday evening. The proposed plan includes paved parking lot with granite curbing, with lights, and 100 spaces. The proposal includes the building with 2 offices and conference rooms and storage in the garage area. The Board of Selectmen addressed some concerns this past Monday evening. The Recreation Committee is going to send a general letter of support to the Board of Selectmen supporting the concept of the parking project and to mention that it is a necessity for Griffin Park and for the safety of the children. Ms. Haas will send this letter to the Committee members prior to giving it to the Board of Selectmen. Barry Goldman made a motion to draft a general letter of support to the Board of Selectmen in reference to the proposed parking area across from Griffin Park due to the important safety concerns that the Committee has. Lynn Goldman seconded; the vote carried 5-0.

Chairman Senibaldi asked that all members email the Recreation Coordinator a list of pertinent issues that they would like to discuss at the Selectmen's meeting on September 19, 2005.

Earl Bartlett made a motion to adjourn at 10:40 pm; Ralph Valentine seconded; the motion carried 5-0.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 20, 2005.

Respectfully Submitted:

Cheryl S. Haas
Recreation Coordinator

Budget Workshop -DRAFT
Recreation Committee
September 28, 2005

Members Present: Chairman Dennis Senibaldi, Ralph Valentine, Barry Goldman, Lynn Goldman.
Recreation Coordinator Cheryl Haas was also present.

The meeting consisted of budget discussion. The meeting began at 7:45 pm and adjourned at 10:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl S. Haas
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