

Recreation Committee Minutes
October 20, 2005

Members Present: Chairman Dennis Senibaldi called the meeting to order at 7:45 pm. Earl Bartlett, Ralph Valentine, Glen Yergeau, Lynn Goldman, Barry Goldman were present. Recreation Coordinator Cheryl Haas was present as well. Selectman Bruce Breton arrived at 8:45 pm (due to Conservation meeting.) Chairman Senibaldi noted that Lynn Goldman would be a voting member tonight for Kathy Narkewich. Chairman Senibaldi welcomed the Committee's newest member, Glen Yergeau.

Members Absent: Kathy Narkewich.

Old Business:

Cheryl Haas informed the Committee that she is on the High School Sports Committee.

The clearing of the fence line was completed at Searles. Mr. Valentine mentioned that there were some holes along the fence and that there were some pieces still sticking through fence. Chairman Senibaldi and Cheryl Haas will check the results and contact Doug Brandin if necessary.

The Harvest Festival was a huge success, despite the rain date and the cold and windy temperatures. Mrs. Haas thanked the Goldman's, Bruce Breton, and Chairman Senibaldi for their help. She has written letter to the editors thanking everyone, sent out letters to the businesses and individuals, and will be at the Selectmen's meeting on October 24, 2005 to thank everyone.

Chairman Senibaldi began discussion on the Recreation budget for 2006. There was an increase in the Recreation Budget, partly due to the salary of the Recreation Coordinator. A budget sub-committee consisting of the Recreation Coordinator, Chairman Senibaldi and Ralph Valentine was formed. Chairman Senibaldi mentioned that Recreation needs to prioritize for 2006 due to the increase. Selectman Breton gave some input on the budget and the future of the Recreation Budget as well.

New Business:

Cheryl Haas requested from the Committee to try a new program called North Pole Calling. A form will be available on the website, and at Town Hall, and essentially what happens is that "Santa" calls kids and invites them to the Tree Lighting on December 10, 2005. Mr. Valentine made a motion to approve this program, Barry Goldman seconded; the vote passed 6-0.

The Committee received a request from Windham resident Jim Cooney, from the Pelham-Windham Razorbacks Football League. His request was to discuss the opportunities for practice on Windham fields for 2006. The Committee had some questions, so Ralph Valentine made a motion to have Mr. Cooney fill out a Facility Use

Application and attend the meeting on November 17, 2005; Earl Bartlett seconded; the motion passed 6-0. Mrs. Haas will send out a letter and application.

The Committee received a request from ZsuZsa Kovacs for a program called Yoga meets Dance. Earl Bartlett made a motion to explore the possibility of the class on opposite Sundays from ball room dance, as long as the Recreation Coordinator checks with Mimi Kolodziej and Patti Morin for their feedback; the instructor provides 2 personal references and a copy of her certification; the program is a trial for one session; and that the instructor meet with the Finance Director and agree to the procedures of the Town. Barry Goldman seconded; the motion carried 6-0.

The Committee received a request from Eagle Scout Tim Swierad. He received approval from the Windham Soccer Association, but was looking to take photos at Griffin Park (and use the electricity there) for a fundraiser towards his Eagle Scout Project. His project is to build dug-outs at the Middle School. Ralph Valentine made a motion to approve this request as long as the WSA has a photo release for the players; Earl Bartlett seconded; the motion carried 6-0.

The Committee received a request from Windham resident Joe Connolly regarding a Tot Soccer Program. Ralph Valentine made a motion to pass this request to John LaRochelle from the Windham Soccer Association; Earl Bartlett seconded; the vote carried 6-0.

The Committee received a request from Lee at Nashua Swim and Tennis. The request was to encourage the youth in the summer tennis program in Windham to continue tennis off season at the Nashua Swim and Tennis Club. Lynn Goldman told the Committee that we cannot give out the names, phone numbers, and personal information on the youth enrolled in the lessons. Mrs. Goldman also mentioned that the Recreation Committee cannot sanction one tennis club over another. Mr. Valentine made a motion to deny the request, Lynn Goldman seconded; the vote carried 6-0. The Recreation Coordinator will contact tennis instructor Andy Paolino to make sure he knows not to give out this information.

The Committee received information from Charlie McMahon from WBSL regarding the installation of three scoreboards at Griffin Park and the sponsorship from Coca-Cola. It was the feeling of the Committee that the only questions that they had were about the contract with Coca-Cola, but that the Board of Selectmen were in charge of negotiating that. There were also questions about money. Chairman Senibaldi asked Mrs. Haas to ask Town Administrator David Sullivan the following three questions.

1. When the money from the vending machines is collected, where does it go?
2. Is it possible for Recreation to have our own vending machines at the Town Beach? Where would that money go?

There are also two Pepsi vending machines at the Town Beach. Mrs. Haas will contact Pepsi to have them remove the machines.

The Committee received a request from Joseph Carbonello, from the Northeast Storm. He is looking to hold practices at Griffin Park Field B on Sunday mornings from

7 am-12 pm from opening day until October 2006. The committee received a roster of names, but requests a roster with addresses and phone numbers. After some discussion, Earl Bartlett made a motion for the Recreation Coordinator to send a letter to the WBSL to find out baseball's position on this request and to ask them to respond in writing. Ralph Valentine seconded; the motion carried 5-1 (Chairman Senibaldi opposed because Recreation is in charge of the fields.) This request is tabled until the next meeting.

The Committee began discussion on the Tree Lighting on December 10, 2005. The Recreation Coordinator has been in contact with the Fire Department, Police Department, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Windham Community Band. The following is a list of what committee members are responsible for. Chairman Senibaldi requested that information be given to the Recreation Coordinator by October 28, 2005.

Cheryl Haas – decorations, police department, face painting, candy canes, Windham Community Band, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts.

Lynn and Barry – coffee, hot chocolate, possible pastries from Klemms.

Earl – cookies, Santa Claus

Ralph/Glen – tent, heaters

Dennis – lights, electricity, pictures with Santa, trimming of trees.

The goal is to set up the tent 2 days early in order to get the lights ready. The plan is to use a tree decorating company which will cost between \$500-700 and that includes the trees, fence, spot lights, wreaths, and miscellaneous decorations. Bruce Breton suggested to research the electrical aspect of it and the outlets and see if we can solve the electrical issues once and for all. This would also benefit the Windham Community Band when they have concerts on the common. Earl Bartlett made a motion to find money in the budget for the lights for the tree lighting and try it this year with a company, Ralph Valentine seconded; the motion carried 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at:

Respectfully Submitted:

Cheryl S. Haas