

Recreation Committee Minutes- DRAFT
November 17, 2005

Members Present: Chairman Dennis Senibaldi, Ralph Valentine, Earl Bartlett, Barry Goldman, Lynn Goldman, Glen Yergeau. Also present: Selectmen Bruce Breton and Recreation Coordinator Cheryl Haas.

Members Absent: Kathy Narkewich.

Chairman Senibaldi called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm. Alternate Lynn Goldman was sitting in for absent member Kathy Narkewich.

Recreation Coordinator Updates

Mrs. Haas updated the Committee that the Skateboarding Park at Griffin Park has been closed for the season, due to vandalism a few weeks ago. She received three prices from BASR: \$375 to repair the damage, \$3800 to remove the park and to put in storage, and \$8500 to take it down and relocate it. Mrs. Haas informed the Committee that people are climbing the fence and still using the park, even though it is closed. Mr. Bartlett suggested to contact Fences Unlimited and receive a quote for an addition to the fence.

The Pepsi machines were removed (by Pepsi) from the Town Beach.

The Recreation Coordinator and the Chairman of the Recreation Committee met with the Windham Baseball Softball League and had a productive workshop regarding the draft field and facility use policy. There are still some details to work out regarding the policy.

The Senior Christmas Party is scheduled for Wednesday, December 14, 2005 at Castleton at 12 pm. All Committee members are urged to attend. Please RSVP to the Recreation Coordinator by December 1st.

Recreation has a budget workshop scheduled with the Board of Selectmen on Monday, November 28, 2005, exact time to be determined. Please make every effort to attend.

Approval of Minutes:

Earl Bartlett made a motion to approve the minutes of 8/18/05; Barry Goldman seconded; the vote carried 4-0. (Mr. Senibaldi was not present; Mr. Yergeau was not on the Committee at the time.)

Earl Bartlett made a motion to approve the minutes of 9/15/05; Barry Goldman seconded; the vote carried 4-0. (Mr. Senibaldi was not present; Mr. Yergeau was not a member of the Committee at the time.)

Earl Bartlett made a motion to approve the minutes of 10/29/05; Barry Goldman seconded; the vote carried 5-0. (Mr. Senibaldi was not present.)

Old Business

Mr. Joseph Carbonello, from the Northeast Storm, gave a presentation to the Committee regarding his request for use of Rogers Field for two AAU baseball teams (U-10 and U-11) from May – October 2006 on Sundays from 8 am-2 pm. He presented the Committee with an application and a draft roster. He said that the roster is not complete because parents are waiting for Recreation to approve his request. He requested on the application to ‘expedite the request because parents are waiting for an answer.’ His initial request was for Griffin Park, but after speaking with Mr. Charlie McMahon from Windham Baseball Softball League, he changed his mind and decided to request the use of 2 fields at Rogers Field. Mr. Carbonello said the majority of the players are Windham youth. The draft roster he presented had Windham youth, Salem, Pelham, and Andover, MA on the list. He is planning on having two teams of 12 players and definitely having scrimmages and practices, and maybe games and tournaments. Mr. Carbonello mentioned that he would want to install a mound, and the Committee said he would have to have a portable mound if approved. The Committee told Mr. Carbonello that in order to use the fields, he needs to have a non-profit status, filed with the State of NH. Mr. Carbonello said he would look into that. Mr. Valentine mentioned that Tokenal Field might be taken out of use and that may affect Rogers Field. No decision was made on the request. There is going to be a joint workshop with Recreation, WBSL, and Mr. Carbonello on Tuesday, December 6, 2005 at 6:15 pm. *Please note: Mr. Carbonello returned to the meeting at 10:25 pm that evening, with more questions. Mr. Bartlett spoke with him outside of the conference room, and the conversation that they had was a conversation between the two of them, not with Recreation, and not with any decisions from Recreation.*

Mr. Jim Cooney, 2 Quail Rd, was at the meeting representing the Pelham Windham Razorbacks. He gave an overview of the football and spirit sports teams and was wondering if there was any possibility that they could use Windham fields for practices beginning in August 2006. He told the Committee that they are flexible and are looking to be able to have some practices in Windham, for the benefit of the Windham residents in the program. Their season is from August to October, and there is limited impact on the fields. They are just looking for some open spaces to practice. The Committee decided to have a joint workshop with WSA (Soccer) in January and to discuss scheduling then.

Chairman Senibaldi had to leave the meeting at 9:10 pm, so Ralph Valentine was the acting Chairman for the remainder of the meeting.

Mrs. Haas announced that the plans for the Tree Lighting were in place. The Recreation Coordinator has a call and e-mail into the Salem High Band regarding their participation in the tree lighting. The Girl Scouts will be selling gingerbread house kits, cookies and having a mitten tree at the event. They will set up in a location not to interfere with the refreshments that the Goldman's coordinate. The older Girl Scouts will be having face painting inside the Town Hall as well as singing carols after the trees are lit. The Windham Presbyterian Church is having a free and non-denominational spaghetti dinner immediately following the event. The Boy Scouts are collecting food for Shepherd's Pantry. The Windham Community Band will begin playing at 2:30 pm. Mr. Bartlett and The Goldman's didn't think it was appropriate for the Girl Scouts to be selling anything at the event because it is the season of giving. Mrs. Haas had previously spoken with Chairman Senibaldi and approved their request, because there is no competition between the Girl Scouts and Recreation. Selectmen Breton supported the Girl Scouts, especially because they were so helpful at the Harvest Festival in October.

There was some discussion on the budget and then the meeting adjourned at 10:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Cheryl Haas
Recreation Coordinator*