

Windham Recreation Committee - DRAFT
February 19, 2006

Members Present: Dennis Senibaldi, Ralph Valentine, Glen Yergeau, Barry Goldman, Lynn Goldman, Beth Lippold. Also present: Selectman Bruce Breton and Recreation Coordinator Cheryl Haas

Members Excused:

Members Absent: Earl Bartlett, Kathy Narkewich

Chairman Senibaldi called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm.

Old Business

Recreation Master Plan

There was discussion on the Recreation Master Plan. Cheryl Haas, Ralph Valentine, and Dennis Senibaldi met with Jill Robinson from Rockingham Planning Commission. The sample survey was distributed during the Town and School Deliberative sessions. Ralph Valentine made a motion for the survey will be distributed with a few minor changes, Barry Goldman seconded; the vote carried 6-0. The Recreation Coordinator will get the survey out through the newspapers, website, senior citizen, senior living locations, school, library, and Town Hall. The Committee will continue to advertise for volunteers to sit on the Windham Recreation Master Plan Committee, and will seek to appoint volunteers with a cross-section of recreation interests.

Recreation Committee Rules

There was a great deal of discussion on the Recreation Committee Rules, which will be discussed at the Board of Selectmen's meeting on March 6, 2006. Mr. Valentine will be putting all the changes together and any additional suggestions should be forwarded to Mr. Valentine by February 21, 2006.

Spring Soccer/Lacrosse Fields

Mrs. Haas has been in contact with Lacrosse and Soccer since the last meeting. Windham Lacrosse is satisfied with using Searles and Nashua Rd. fields in the spring, and Windham Soccer is satisfied with using Griffin Park this spring. Mrs. Lippold made a motion for the Recreation Coordinator to write a letter to the NH Phantoms to let them know that at this time due to the schedule and field maintenance, there is no field availability to accommodate their request for the use of Nashua Rd. Field, Mr. Valentine seconded; the vote carried 6-0.

Field and Facility Use Draft Document

The Recreation Coordinator met with Windham Soccer, Windham Baseball, and Windham Lacrosse on the Field and Facility Use Document. There was a great deal of

good discussion on these field and facility procedures. Although some changes were discussed, the Committee tabled any action on the procedures until the next meeting.

Other – Northeast Storm

The Recreation Coordinator informed the Committee that the Northeast Storm passed in the roster for the spring, and they eliminated one of their teams, so they have one team with 9 Windham residents out of 13 players.

Other – Recreation Committee members

Mr. Valentine made a motion for the Recreation Coordinator to contact Recreation Committee member Kathy Narkewich to find out if she would like to continue to serve on the Recreation Committee until her term runs out in June 2006, or if she would like to resign, and if she would like to resign, then for the Recreation Coordinator to write a letter to the Board of Selectmen to regretfully accept the resignation of Mrs. Narkewich and to appoint Mrs. Lynn Goldman, Alternate to finish her term. Mr. Yergeau seconded; the vote carried 6-0.

New Business

Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, April 8th. The Recreation Coordinator will make sure that there are age appropriate toys and candy in the designated eggs. The ages groups will be divided up into the following: up to age 2, ages 3-5, ages 6-9, and ages 10-12. Mr. Senibaldi would like to have 4,000 eggs this year. The following is a list of items that need to be accomplished – decorating, finding an Easter Bunny, photos, hay, face painting, advertisements, and police detail.

Recreation Coordinator Items

The Recreation Coordinator discussed that she is going to go to the Board of Selectmen with a resident vs. non-resident program registration policy.

Facility Use Application Requests

St. Joseph's High School in Salem requested the use of any baseball field in Windham for the spring season. There are only 4 Windham residents that attend the school, so there would be the possibility of between 0-4 Windham residents on the team. Mr. Goldman made a motion for the Recreation Coordinator to draft a letter to the school to let them know that the request interferes with Windham's baseball schedule and there is no field space available, Mr. Valentine seconded; the vote passed 6-0.

The Windham Baseball Softball League is requesting the use of all town baseball and softball fields and support functions from opening day through August. Mr. Valentine made a motion to table this request until the next meeting until support functions is defined and specific dates and explanations, Mr. Senibaldi seconded; the vote carried 6-0. Mrs. Haas will contact Mr. McMahan.

Monthly Invoices

Brandin Landscaping submitted an invoice in the amount of \$250 on February 15, 2006 for work at Searles field that was completed in November. The money will be taken out of the 2006 budget.

Rogers Field

Mr. Senibaldi began discussion with the Committee regarding the scoreboard at Rogers, and how he would like to see a new one there. The Committee discussed this and thought this could be discussed with WBSL.

Spring Maintenance

The Committee would like to clean out the Recreation storage area of the multi-use building and put some shelves in to organize the room.

Skate Park

The Recreation Coordinator will be discussing the Skate Park with the Board of Selectmen at the March 6, 2006 meeting. As of right now, the skate park has not been repaired since the vandalism last fall.

Summer Basketball

Mr. Senibaldi has been in contact with Joel Silverwatch who was in charge of the recreational summer basketball league last summer. Mr. Valentine made a motion for Mr. Silverwatch to continue with the program through recreation, Mr. Goldman seconded; the vote carried 6-0.

Other - Ohare Field

Mr. Valentine has been working on this and more information will come. If we get permission from both parties, then Recreation has to maintain and mow the field. The funds to mow would come from funds freed up by now mowing Tokanel Field, and from WSA if needed. The object would be for lacrosse and soccer to utilize the field, especially for soccer if Tokenal Field is out of use.

Other -Multi-Use Building Well

The Committee would like to request to the Board of Selectmen that no more money be spent on the Multi-Use Building until the bathrooms are fixed. This issue will be discussed at the March 6, 2006 BOS meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl S. Haas

Recreation Coordinator