

**Recreation Committee Minutes
May 4, 2006 at Town Hall**

Mr. Valentine called the meeting of May 4, 2006 to order at 7:35 pm.

Members Present: Acting Chairman Ralph Valentine, Earl Bartlett, Lynn Goldman, Barry Goldman, Brian Carne (arrived at 8 pm). Also present: Recreation Coordinator Cheryl Haas.

Members Excused: Glen Yergeau, Beth Lippold, Dennis Senibaldi.

Members Absent: none

Also present at the meeting Michael Hatem and Charlie McMahon.

Approval of Minutes

Barry Goldman made a motion to approve the minutes of March 16, 2006; Lynn Goldman seconded; the vote passed 4-0.

Barry Goldman made a motion to approve the minutes of March 24, 2006, Lynn Goldman seconded; the vote passed 4-0.

Report of Officers

Mr. Valentine noted that Selectman Alan Carpenter is the new Recreation Committee Liaison.

Report of Committees

None at this time.

Report of Coordinator

Mrs. Haas reported that there were 21 students in the babysitting course that she instructed over the school vacation week. There is a summer program brochure that will be coming out soon as well.

There was discussion on private tennis lessons occurring at Griffin Park.

Mrs. Haas will be going before the Board of Selectmen on Monday, May 8, 2006 for approval of the beach salaries and tennis staff salaries, in addition to beach sand approval.

Mrs. Haas is meeting with LWCF on Wednesday, May 10, 2006 at 1 pm to visit Tokanel and Nashua Rd. fields. This is something that is done every 5 years.

Correspondence

None at this time.

Old Business

There was a great deal of discussion on the priority list. The Recreation Coordinator noted that she and Mr. Barlow are unable to find anyone to sift the sand prior to the new sand being spread. Mr. Bartlett suggested to hire some local students to sift the sand.

There was a great deal of discussion on Tokenal Field. Mr. Hatem was interested in finding out if the Recreation Committee was moving forward or not with repairing the field. Mr. Valentine felt that before making a decision, it was important to have concrete prices on what the repairs would cost. He also felt that it was important to have engineering completed on the field before doing any work. Mr. Bartlett made a motion for the Recreation Committee to expend up to \$15,000 for the repair and restoration of Tokenal Field pending bids in the correct price range in conjunction with a donation of \$10,000 from Michael Hatem from WBSL, with the entire bid no to exceed \$25,000 in total. Brian Carne seconded; the vote passes 4-1 (Mr. Valentine opposed.)

Mrs. Haas will work with Mrs. Lippold on planning Town Day on July 2, 2006.

The meeting adjourned at 9 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Cheryl Haas
Recreation Coordinator