

Recreation Committee Minutes June 15, 2006

Members Present: Dennis Senibaldi, Glen Yergeau, Lynn Goldman, Barry Goldman, Beth Lippold. Also present: Recreation Coordinator Cheryl Haas.
Mr. Valentine and Mr. Carne were excused, and going to be late.
Mr. Valentine arrived at 8:20 pm; Mr. Carne at 9 pm. Mr. Bartlett at 8:30 pm.

Mr. Senibaldi called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm. Mr. Senibaldi noted that the Board of Selectmen meeting on June 5, 2006, the Board reappointed Mr. Valentine and Mrs. Goldman for a 3 year term, and Mr. Carne from an alternate to a regular member, and Mr. Bartlett as an alternate for one year.

There were two interested residents at the meeting who would like to become alternates on the Recreation Committee, Mags Adamcheck and Peter Abraham. Mrs. Adamcheck has lived in Windham for three years, has three young boys, and is interested in becoming more involved with the Town of Windham. Mr. Abraham has two boys and is interested in becoming more involved with the Town as well. If the above mentioned parties are still interested in becoming part of the Recreation Committee, Mrs. Haas will write a letter to the Board of Selectmen on the Committee's behalf with a recommendation.

Minutes

Beth Lippold made a motion to accept the minutes of May 18, 2006; Glen Yergeau seconded; the vote passes 5-0.

Report of Officers

Mr. Senibaldi noted that the Board of Selectmen approved the application of the grant for Rockingham Planning Commission for \$6,000 for the Recreation Master Plan. There will be \$1500 coming out of the Recreation budget, and the school will be donating \$1500.

The Board also approved the expenditure of \$2700 for the well at Griffin Park.

Report of the Coordinator

Mrs. Haas announced that the Annual Senior Picnic, hosted by the employees of the Windham, is set for July 14th at the Fire Station, with a western theme this year.

Mrs. Haas announced that program registration is going well. She thanked Ms. Erin Capone for volunteering to help at registration.

Mrs. Haas also reported to the Committee that she has spoken with Mr. Joseph Carbonello a few times regarding Rogers Field. She reminded Mr. Carbonello that if WBSL needs the field on a Sunday morning due to a make-up, then he may get bumped.

He wanted 7 days notice, and she reminded him that 24-48 hours notice is all that was agreed upon.

Town Day

Mrs. Lippold updated the Committee on Town Day, which is set for July 2, 2006; with a raindate of July 4th. The flute ensemble will be performing patriotic songs, there will be the games and parade, and the SWAT vehicle with the assistance of Officer Scott Rogers.

Old Business

The Tokenal Field Bids have been received. The prices were a lot higher than expected. Mr. Senibaldi would like to do the following this year: keep the current skinned area as is, dig a new field, fix the sprinklers. He would like to revise the bid specifications so that there is no outfield fence, just a backstop. Also, he would like for us to supply the material (Fenway Mix).

Mr. Bartlett made a motion to recommend to the Board of Selectmen to decline all the bids received from Tokenal Field. Beth Lippold seconded; the vote carried 6-1 (Mr. Valentine opposed.)

Beth Lippold made a motion to obtain new bids using new specifications that would have the bidders install a field without outfield fencing, using the Fenway Mix that we supply, and we get a backstop quote separate of this. Lynn Goldman seconded; the vote carried 6-1 (Mr. Valentine opposed.)

New Business

Mr. Valentine discussed with the Committee that he would like to go to the Board of Selectmen and request \$4,000 from the warrant article for the engineering, and permit process for Nashua Rd. Beth Lippold made a motion for Mr. Valentine to go forward with this, Mr. Valentine seconded; the vote passed 6-0.

Mr. Valentine mentioned that at Nashua Rd. where the field meets the tennis courts that the catchman, or catch basin needs to be cleaned out. Mrs. Haas will ask Mr. Barlow about this.

Mr. Valentine also mentioned that at Nashua Rd. by the handicapped parking space that it is washed out again. Mr. Valentine recommends that the Committee use maintenance money out of the budget to make that repair. Mrs. Haas will obtain quotes.

Tents

Mrs. Haas reported that there seems to be only one pop-up tent belonging to Recreation that is accounted for.

Mr. Senibaldi would like to get a locksmith to re-key the beach building. Mrs. Haas mentioned that she and Al Barlow has discussed this, and once the wall is re-built, then this will be done. Mr. Senibaldi preferred to have a locksmith do the job as soon as possible.

Wonderland Playground

The Committee will be doing a walk-through of Wonderland Playground on Saturday, June 17th at 12 noon. Mr. Senibaldi would like to replace the picnic tables and benches at the playground as well.

Town Beach

Mrs. Haas noted that she met with DES at the beach and they will let her know how much sand, if any, can be approved, with all of the washouts.

Gage Lands

Mr. Valentine mentioned that the school is located on a portion of the Gage Lands, and that conservation and recreation are mentioned in the warrant article for the special town meeting. Mr. Valentine feels that it would be wise to meet with the Conservation Commission in the near future regarding this.

Election of Officers

Glen Yergeau nominated Ralph Valentine for Chair; Beth Lippold seconded; Mr. Valentine accepted the nomination. Lynn Goldman nominated Brian Carne for Chair; Barry Goldman seconded; Mr. Carne respectfully declined the nomination. The Committee voted and the vote was 7-0 for Mr. Valentine for chairman.

Beth Lippold nominated Brian Carne for Vice Chair; Ralph Valentine seconded; Mr. Carne accepted the nomination. Barry Goldman nominated Dennis Senibaldi for Vice Chair; Lynn Goldman seconded; Mr. Senibaldi accepted the nomination. The Committee voted for Brian Carne – the vote carried with Mr. Carne abstaining.

Beth Lippold nominated Glen Yergeau for treasurer; Mr. Yergeau accepted; the vote carried 7-0.

Mr. Valentine nominated Beth Lippold for secretary; Mrs. Lippold accepted; the vote carried 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl S. Haas
Recreation Coordinator

