

DRAFT MINUTES
Windham Recreation Committee-January 20, 2011

Members Present:

Glen Yergeau, Ralph Valentine, Tim Kelleher, Bill Brennan.

Also present: Recreation Coordinator Cheryl Haas and Selectman Liaison Ross McLeod.

Members Excused:

Dennis Senibaldi, Chris O'Neil, Lynn Goldman, Barry Goldman.

Chairman Ralph Valentine called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Tim Kelleher will be sitting in for Barry Goldman.

Minutes:

Glen Yergeau made a motion to approve the minutes of November 18, 2010; seconded by Tim Kelleher; passed 3-0-1 (Bill Brennan abstained due to not present at November 2010 meeting.)

Recreation Coordinator Updates:

*Town Deliberative Session is February 12, 2011 at 9 am at the High School.

Ms. Haas will be inviting the recipients of the Recreation of the Year Award to the meeting.

*Working on Spring and Summer Programs.

*Tickets for Daddy Daughter Dance go on sale February 5th. Due to credit card machine, sale location will be the Recreation Office.

*Ms. Haas updated the Committee on the following approved field use applications:

1. Windham Soccer Association for spring usage at Griffin Park. They will be using the back of Griffin as well as a 6v6 in the front. Mr. McLeod noted that there is an increase in the number of 6v6 travel teams.
2. Windham Baseball Softball League for 2011; with the exception of full usage at Rogers in the fall due to football. WBSL will work with football on scheduling Rogers in the fall.
3. Northeast Hurricanes-usage for Tokanel in the Spring and they will work directly with WBSL to schedule the field; with the normal stipulations.

4. Football – the new football program in Windham has arrived. They will be coming to an upcoming meeting (as their schedule allows.) They were interested in Rogers and Nashua Rd. Due to WSA using Nashua Rd in the fall until 7 pm through the end of September; then until dusk in October, approval is for Rogers Field. They will need to work with WBSL on scheduling due to Fall Ball. Ms. Haas noted that this is the first year for the program and she anticipates that the program is going to grow. Use of the high school is highly encouraged, as well we will look at the use of Nashua Rd for the program in the future, as long as it does not impact WSA. Glen Yergeau made a motion supporting the Recreation Coordinator's approval for usage at Rogers Field for the 2011 season by working with WBSL on scheduling and knowing that they (football) may have to contribute up to \$3,000 in field maintenance in 2011; and to come to an upcoming meeting to introduce the program. Seconded by Bill Brennan, passed 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS

There was discussion regarding the need for fields and field space. It was recommended to have a forum and to invite representatives of all sports leagues as well as the High School A.D. to discuss solutions.

There was also a brief discussion regarding expansion on the upper plateau at Nashua Rd field. There is test pit data that was funded by WSA. This expansion could be a possible project in the future to help ease field space constraints.

Maintenance – at this time there was no field maintenance to discuss. Mr. Valentine asked that the Committee review the list that he compiled of the 2011 Field Maintenance Project List for the Board of Selectmen for the February meeting. Ms. Haas will re-send the email if members do not have it.

Spruce Pond – updated that the fill was delivered and the funds came out of the 2010 budget.

December Meeting – Tim Kelleher asked the Committee to consider not to cancel the meeting in the month of December and maybe moving it up a week earlier so it doesn't get too close to the holidays. The Committee was in agreement.

NEW BUSINESS

Property next to Town Beach: It was explained to the Committee how the property next to the Town Beach is on the 2011 Warrant. After some discussion, Bill Brennan made a motion for the Committee to be in favor of Article 13 (47 Cobbetts Pond Rd) and for Ralph Valentine to have permission to speak on behalf of the Committee at the Deliberative Session on February 12, 2011; seconded by Tim Kelleher; passed 4-0. Ms. Haas mentioned that she may speak as well. If the article passes at the Voting on March 8, 2011, the Committee would like to get inside the buildings and see the property as soon as possible.

Committee Membership/Leave of Absence: Mr. Valentine read part of an e-mail from Recreation Member Mr. Dennis Senibaldi to the Committee. There was a great deal of discussion regarding this. Mr. McLeod and Ms. Haas reminded the Committee that the Board of Selectmen is the governing body that appoints volunteers on the Committee. There was discussion about how much time Mr. Senibaldi was referring to when he sent the email. The end result was for Mr. McLeod to find out that information prior to the Board of Selectmen meeting on Monday evening. There was also a discussion regarding Lynn and Barry Goldman and if they would like to continue to serve on the Committee. Mr. Valentine will be reaching out to them. There was discussion regarding moving Mr. Kelleher up to Permanent member; as well as the two interested parties in the audience (Mr. Fidler and Mr. Caruso) to members. Mr. McLeod will be discussing all of this at the Board of Selectmen's meeting on January 24, 2011.

February Meeting: Mr. Valentine will be out of Town in February and the Committee meeting will be on Tuesday, February 15, 2011 at 8 am. Mr. Valentine asked members to read the Committee Rules prior to this meeting.

Interested Residents: There were two interested residents in the audience. Mr. Mike Caruso has been a resident since 1990 and is looking to get more involved in the community. He works in Windham and is looking to learn more about what goes on in Windham. Mr. Bill Fidler has lived in Windham for 6 years and works from home. He has two young children and is looking to get involved in the community.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Tim Kelleher at 9:05 pm to adjourn; seconded by Glen Yergeau; passed 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl Haas
Recreation Coordinator