

DRAFT
Windham Recreation Committee Meeting
February 17, 2011

Mr. Chris O'Neil called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Members Present: Chris O'Neil; Lynn Goldman, Barry Goldman, Tim Kelleher, Glen Yergeau. Also present: Mike Caruso, Recreation Coordinator Cheryl Haas and Selectman Ross McLeod.

Members Excused: Dennis Senibaldi, Bill Brennan, Ralph Valentine, Bill Fidler.

*Chris O'Neil will be the Acting Chairman for the meeting.
Mr. Kelleher sat in for Mr. Valentine.*

Minutes:

The minutes from January 2011 were tabled until the March meeting.

RECREATION COORDINATOR UPDATES:

TRC: Ms Haas informed the Committee that the TRC received that day was **not** sent out via email, only via hard copy. The two items on the TRC agenda were not Recreation-related.

August Meeting: Ms. Haas discussed with the Committee to have the August meeting (August 18, 2011) at Griffin Park. There is a family concert planned for that evening and this way the Committee can attend. The Committee was in agreement.

Daddy Daughter Dance: The tickets sold out in about 1 ½ hours. Everyone who showed up that day to purchase tickets was able to get them. Once the event is over, Ms. Haas will discuss plans for next year and how to accommodate more people. She mentioned that an age minimum would be a good idea (age 4); and to only allow 1-2 adults per family. It is a loved one dance, not just a father-daughter dance, so that way those without fathers can still feel comfortable if they attend with an uncle or grandfather. However, this has made families want to have uncles, 2 grandparents, and fathers attend with girls. This can take away tickets for other girls to attend.

Easter Egg Hunt: The Egg Hunt is Saturday April 16th at Town Hall.

Earth Day Clean-Up: Clean up is also Saturday, April 16th in the Bartley House Parking lot from 9 am-10 am. People will be able to clean up and attend the hunt if they wish to.

Windham Endowment: Ms. Haas informed the Committee that the Endowment might be looking to do Recreation-related fundraisers such as 3 on 3 basketball tournaments or homerun derby's. Ms. Haas will keep the Committee informed. She would need to work with them to make sure all Town policies were being followed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Maintenance 2011

There was discussion regarding the Maintenance List that was submitted to the Board of Selectmen. Ms. Haas expressed her concerns over the list, noting items such as the basketball and tennis repairs come out of the revolving funds. It was also noted that there are no quotes for some of the items on the list. An example is the Phase 1 at Rogers Field for removal of trees. In fact, the Committee voted not to go forward with removal of trees.

While the Coordinator and Committee understood why the list was put together so quickly, it was the feeling of the Committee to prioritize the list for the March meeting and see what really needs to be done. It was also discussed that the Coordinator/Committee go to the Board of Selectmen in June or July to give an update on the list, but not monthly as suggested previously by a Committee Member. Ms. Haas suggested that this list be reviewed by the entire Committee in August this year, as opposed to in December. The Committee was in full agreement. Chris O'Neil suggested the Committee prioritize the list before/during the next meeting.

Spruce Pond

Mr. Kelleher read the email that was sent out by the Coordinator to the Committee on January 21, 2011 with the Spruce Pond update.

Other

Mr. Kelleher briefly discussed that he is still thinking of a way to address the field space limitations in Town and will keep the Committee updated on his ideas.

Mr. Yergeau suggested that if the new football program needs a field, then to suggest for them to use Herbert Field. Ms. Haas will contact them.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Kelleher asked about the Deliberative Session, specifically about the land warrant article. Mr. McLeod reported that it seemed like people were unsure and that there were a lot of questions. There were inquiries about the boat launch and if it would move or stay where it is.

A draft copy of the Recreation Master Plan was handed out to Committee members for their review. Acting Chairman O'Neil asked that members read through it and be ready to discuss it at the March meeting. Ms. Haas pointed out that the information in the plan is through November 2010 and that should not change or else there will never be a finished plan.

Barry Goldman made a motion to adjourn at 8:25 pm; seconded by Tim Kelleher, passed 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted
Cheryl Haas, Recreation Coordinator