

**Approved Windham Recreation Committee Minutes – August 15, 2013
Bartley House, 4 North Lowell Rd, Windham, NH**

Vice Chairman Chris O'Neil called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Members Present:

Chris O'Neil, Mark Lucas, Fred Connarn; Dennis Senibaldi arrived at 7:47 pm.

Also Present:

Recreation Coordinator Cheryl Haas

Members Excused:

Bill Fidler, Tim Kelleher.

Chris O'Neil noted that Fred Connarn would be sitting in for Dennis Senibaldi.

Minutes:

The June and July minutes were tabled until the September meeting.

Recreation Coordinator Updates:

Beach:

Ms. Haas informed the Committee that the raft was taken out of the water for the season on August 15, 2013. The last day for the lifeguards is August 16, 2013. For the past few years, it has been around the same time. The staff are majority college students and have to go back to school. The beach can still be used; there just will not be any lifeguards on duty.

Harvest Fest:

Ms. Haas noted that Harvest Fest at Griffin Park is October 19, 2013. She explained what goes on at Harvest Fest – activities such as hay rides, pie baking contest, pumpkin decorating, etc. She will be setting up a meeting regarding the trick-or-treat portion with WEDC Chairman Ralph Valentine, Community Development Director Laura Scott, Tim Kelleher, Chris O'Neil, and herself. The purpose will be to go over how it is going to work this year so there is no confusion.

Tree Lighting:

The Tree Lighting is scheduled for Saturday, December 7th. The Salem High Marching Band will once again be marching. Mr. O'Neil suggested seeing if Windham Middle School would want to march. Cheryl Haas will look into it.

Ms. Haas is going to offer to pick up senior citizens in the Town Van at Center School and drive them to the Tree Lighting so they can enjoy the Community Band in the heated tent.

Mr. O'Neil is going to contact Steve Koza regarding the electricity and seeing if we can put an outlet on the tree that is lit up.

Maintenance: *Ms. Haas updated the Committee on various fields, projects, etc*

Mosquito Spraying

Ms. Haas noted that Tokanel, Griffin, Rogers, and Nashua Rd Fields were sprayed for mosquitoes on August 15, 2013. This is about a month earlier than last year. The spraying lasts about 5 weeks. Donations were received from Windham Baseball, Windham Wolverines, Windham Soccer, and two AAU teams.

Griffin Park Rear Field

Griffin Park rear field is open. Windham Soccer has a camp there this week and will start their travel season next week. There were some irrigation and valve issues that were repaired.

Wasps/Hornets

Cheryl Haas noted that there are wasps and hornets in various locations that have been sprayed – Wonderland, Griffin Park Tennis Courts, Playground at Griffin, and bleachers on the rear of Griffin field.

Searles Field

Searles will close for the fall, as noted in the past. Soccer is using Tokanel instead. Next week field hockey is having 2 Captain Practices at Searles, and youth football had a scrimmage this past week.

Nashua Rd graffiti

There was graffiti at Nashua Rd. It will be removed in the next week or so.

Community Service Worker

Ms. Haas noted that she had a resident who had to do 20 hours of community service. He has weeded Griffin Park, done brush cutting, cleaned trash barrels, and power washed picnic tables and the pavilion at Griffin Park.

Griffin Park Concrete

Ms. Haas informed the Committee that she has had conversations with Windham Baseball regarding the concrete pad at Griffin Park.

Tree replacement Griffin Park

She is going to ask Jay Yennaco to replace the tree at Griffin Park that had to be removed, which will hopefully be part of his yearly donation.

Mr. Senibaldi arrived at 7:47 pm and Mr. Connarn will now sit in for Mr. Kelleher.

Speed Bumps

Cheryl Haas will follow up with Jack McCartney regarding the speed bumps at Griffin Park.

Eagle Scout Projects

She is working with two Eagle Scouts on projects; the changing room and lifeguard chair.

September Meeting

Ms. Haas invited Jack McCartney, Highway Agent, and Charlie Boyden, Boyden's Landscaping to the September Recreation Committee meeting.

Nashua Rd Project – Dennis Senibaldi

Dennis Senibaldi updated the Committee on a few projects.

He is going to the Board of Selectmen meeting on August 26, 2013 to update the Selectmen on the **Nashua Rd project**. Windham Soccer will also be at the meeting to give their donation of \$6,000 towards the project.

CIP – Dennis Senibaldi

Dennis is working on the CIP for Spruce Pond. Once the paperwork is complete, he will give a copy to Ms. Haas, who will make sure all members of the Committee receive a copy. Mark Lucas made a motion for Dennis to present to the CIP on behalf of the Recreation Committee, seconded by Fred Connarn, the vote carried 4-0.

Skate Park

Ms. Haas explained to the Committee what the Board of Selectmen decided on at their most recent meeting regarding the skate park. The Board gave Dave Sullivan and Dana Call the authority to negotiate with Salem NH on their bid, which was previously rejected. Then a bid notice will go out for the removal of the remaining equipment and fence. Dennis Senibaldi will be contacting Mike Loiselle from BASR regarding the sheets in storage.

The next meeting is schedule for Thursday, September 19, 2013.

Dennis Senibaldi made a motion to adjourn at 8:13 pm; seconded by Mark Lucas, the vote carried 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted:

Cheryl Haas