

Approved Windham Recreation Committee Minutes – July 18, 2013
Community Development Department, 3 North Lowell Rd, Windham, NH

Tim Kelleher called the meeting to order at 7:20 pm.

Members Present: Tim Kelleher, Chris O’Neil, Mark Lucas, Dennis Senibaldi (via phone), and Bill Fidler (via phone.)

Also Present: Recreation Coordinator Cheryl Haas

Members Excused: Mike Caruso, Selectman Liaison Kathleen DiFruscia

Mr. Kelleher explained that a quorum is 4 members, and two members were on the phone: Dennis Senibaldi and Bill Fidler.

Recreation Committee Rules

Chris O’Neil made a motion to change the Committee membership from 7 people to 5 people, with a quorum of 3; seconded by Dennis Senibaldi; the vote passed 5-0. Cheryl Haas will bring this to the Board of Selectmen on July 29, 2013.

Skate Park Proposal

The SOS group, ‘Save our Skate Park,’ was at the meeting. They asked the Board of Selectmen to reconsider their vote of 5-0 to close the skate park. The Board of Selectmen asked the group to come back to Recreation. The Recreation Committee members were given a copy of the proposal prior to the meeting, the same proposal since April 2013.

Dennis Senibaldi was in support of the proposal and felt that the Committee should give it a try. He was in agreement with Peter Ventola, a member of the SOS group, to use the current Park Rangers in the short term for this proposal.

Mark Lucas asked about how many residents vs. non-residents used the skate park as well as if the Police Chief weighed in on it. Michelle Hutchings, a member of the SOS group, said that they were not able to collect any data because the skate park closed in September 2012. Cheryl Haas noted that she felt more non-residents has permits than residents. Peter Ventola said that the skate park was always busy, whether they were residents, or non-residents, he did not know. With the Police Chief, it was noted that he does not support the skate park at Griffin Park.

Bill Fidler shared that he was not in favor of the proposal, that he did review it, and he has not changed his mind since the previous meetings.

Dennis Senibaldi made a motion to support the SOS Skate Park proposal, seconded by Chris O’Neil, the vote failed 1-4-0; with Dennis Senibaldi in support, and the others against.

Cheryl Haas will be sending a MEMO to the Board of Selectmen for their 7/29/13 meeting letting them know the vote regarding the skate park proposal from the SOS group.

Bill Fidler left the meeting (via phone call) at 7:35 pm.

Chris O'Neil made a motion to adjourn at 7:40 pm; seconded by Dennis Senibaldi, the vote carried 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted

Cheryl Haas
Recreation Coordinator