

Approved Recreation Committee Minutes
Thursday, November 21, 2013
Bartley House, 4 North Lowell Rd, Windham NH

Chairman Tim Kelleher called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

Members Present: Tim Kelleher, Dennis Senibaldi, Fred Connarn, and Mark Lucas.
Also present was Recreation Coordinator Cheryl Haas

Members Excused: Chris O'Neil and Bill Fidler.

Mr. Connarn, Alternate will sit in for Chris O'Neil.

Minutes

Mark Lucas made a motion to accept the minutes of October 17, 2013, seconded by Fred Connarn, the vote carried 4-0.

Recreation Coordinator Updates

Photos and Santa for the Tree Lighting: Recreation will be paying the professional photographer to take photos with Santa, and there will be no charge the public for the photos.

Windham Lacrosse: There is new leadership in Windham Lacrosse – Scott Fitzpatrick is the President; and Mark Murphy is the Vice Chair of Boys. Gary Curtis and Steve Krikorian are no longer involved. Ms. Haas has met with Scott Fitzpatrick to go over policies and procedures. Lacrosse is hoping to have a Girls Tournament in Windham on Memorial Day – using town and school fields.

Budget Meeting/CIP: Recreation will be meeting with the Board of Selectmen on Monday, December 9th at 7 pm at the Community Development Department for the discussion on the 2014 Recreation Budget, and CIP. Mr. Senibaldi reported that Jack McCartney, Highway Agent, will be going to the Spruce Pond property prior to this meeting to validate plans and projected costs.

Old Business

Skate Park: Mr. Kelleher reported that he has spoken with the company taking the skate park, and they will be done by November 27, 2013. He noted that according to the company, the items are extremely rotted. Ms. Haas has already spoken with Jack McCartney, and he will be checking the site once they have removed the equipment and fence, to make sure there are no holes, unsafe areas, etc.

Snow Fence: Mr. Kelleher brought up the snow fence in front of the pond at Griffin Park. If Windham Soccer wants this put up in the future, it is recommended that they do the actual installation and maintain it.

Tree Lighting: Ms. Haas informed the Committee that the Windham Police will be closing down North Lowell Rd during the Tree Lighting. A press release with more detailed information will be sent out and announced at the Selectmen's Meeting.

New Business:

December Meeting: Dennis Senibaldi made a motion to not have a meeting on December 19, 2013, instead to post the December 9, 2013 Budget Workshop meeting with the Board of Selectmen as the December meeting; seconded by Mark Lucas, the vote carried 4-0.

Nashua Rd/Rogers Field – Windham Baseball's projects

The Selectmen approved the projects that the Windham Baseball wanted to do – skin the t-ball field at Nashua Rd; and put in a few small fences at Rogers Field.

The construction of the batting cage at Griffin Park started on November 16, 2013.

Recreation Software: Ms. Haas reported that she has started to input data into the new software.

Speed Bumps at Griffin Park: Mr. Kelleher inquired about the speed bumps at Griffin Park. Ms. Haas noted that they were order in October, and will be installed in the spring. Mr. Senibaldi explained that there is a long list of projects for the Maintenance Department to accomplish, and this was not high on the list. However, the area by **Johnson's Farm with the stagnant water** was repaired recently.

Wayne Morris - Conservation Commission

Wayne Morris from the Conservation Commission was present at the meeting to discuss two possible projects. Mr. Morris explained to the Committee that there are some excess lots on Blueberry Road. He was looking for support from the Recreation Committee for him to approach the Board of Selectmen to sell the land, with the proceeds from the sale to Conservation and Recreation. The intent would be for the proceeds to improve the trail behind these lots and for improvements to Nashua Rd field, brush, etc. Mr. Morris did bring this up with the Selectmen this year. The next step would be for Mr. Morris to speak with Dave Sullivan, Town Administrator, about engineering the lots, and to see what would have to be done to move forward.

Mark Lucas made a motion, seconded by Dennis Senibaldi, to support the Blueberry Rd. parcels with the hope that the Windham Recreation Committee along with the Trails Committee and Conservation Committee to receive the funds from the sale of these lots, for improvements at Nashua Rd and on the trail, the vote carried 4-0.

The second topic that Mr. Morris wanted to discuss was the rail bed off of Route 93, the Windham Greenway, as it is referred to. The Board of Selectmen wrote a letter to the Southern NH Planning Commission asking for them to connect East to West of 93, as the construction for Route 93 was going on. The Trails Committee and Conservation Commission want an underpass considered as a connection. Recreation supported the idea, which would have a connection to current Rail Trail, as long as the owner of the property and daycare, Shaun Foster, was contacted, and included in on the discussion. Mr. Morris agreed, and once it is appropriate to meet with him, he will reach out to Mr. Senibaldi to assist with that.

Mark Lucas made a motion to adjourn at 8:15 pm, seconded by Fred Connarn, the vote carried 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted:

Cheryl Haas
Recreation Coordinator