

**Approved Windham Recreation Committee Minutes – October 17, 2013
Bartley House, 4 North Lowell Rd, Windham, NH**

Vice Chair Chris O'Neil called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

Members Present: Chris O'Neil, Fred Connarn, Mark Lucas
Also Present: Recreation Coordinator Cheryl Haas

Members Excused: Tim Kelleher, Dennis Senibaldi, Kathleen DiFruscia,

Members Absent: Bill Fidler

Mr. Connarn, Alternate, will sit in for Dennis Senibaldi.

Minutes

Mark Lucas made a motion to accept the minutes from September 19, 2013, seconded by Fred Connarn; the vote carried 3-0.

Recreation Coordinator Updates:

Tree Lighting:

The Tree Lighting is set for Saturday, December 7th. There was a discussion on the parking and how to make it safe. Ms. Haas will be working with the Police Department on a plan. She will inquire about the large blinking DOT sign as well. Mark Lucas said that he will attend this year and explore possibilities for the future if the event can be moved or not.

Maintenance Update:

Searles Field:

Searles was over-seeded and will be closed until the spring. According to the Town landscaper, it came out well, with the exception of a few spots that need to be seeded.

Windham Middle School:

Windham Middle School soccer team will be using Griffin Park on October 21 and 22 for practices. Ms. Haas worked with Windham Soccer Association on this and it does not affect their practices.

Irrigation pump at Griffin Park:

Jack McCartney, Highway Agent, and Charlie Boyden, the Town Landscaper, are working on possible solutions for the irrigation pump at Griffin Park. Algae are clogging the pump at times.

Snow Fence at Griffin Park:

The snow fence at Griffin is being taken down due to the aesthetics as well as it is tearing due to the high winds at the park.

Skate Park:

Salem picked up a few pieces from the skate park that they had purchased. There is no other update.

Batting Cage at Griffin Park:

The batting cage at Griffin Park was approved by the Board of Selectmen. Ms. Haas is not sure when Windham Baseball is going to start construction.

Harvest Fest:

The Harvest Fest is October 19, 2013. There was a discussion regarding two clowns that a local business was bringing with them. The Committee preferred not to have the clowns there dressed up with full make-up. There was a concern with the impact on small children, and the Committee was uncomfortable with it. This led to a discussion on possible rules for the future at the Harvest Fest. Ms. Haas will work on it this winter.

Budget 2014

Ms. Haas submitted the budget to the Town Administrator. There was \$10,000 put in for the sanding, sealing of Wonderland Playground; as well as \$10,000 for repair of the Nashua Rd tennis courts.

Ms. Haas also added money into the Recreation budget for recreation software. Mark Lucas made a motion for the Recreation Committee to support the purchase of software application to manage/administer recreation related activities; seconded by Fred Connarn; the vote carried 3-0.

Mr. O'Neil noted that he will not be in attendance at the November 21, 2013 meeting.

Mark Lucas made a motion to adjourn at 8:15 pm, seconded by Fred Connarn; the vote carried 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl S. Haas
Recreation Coordinator