

Windham Recreation Committee Meeting
Thursday, May 21, 2015
Community Development Department, 3 North Lowell Rd, Windham NH

Mark Lucas called the meeting to order at 7:11 pm.

Members Present: Mark Lucas, Fred Connarn, Alberto Chang.

Also Present: Recreation Coordinator Cheryl Haas.

Excused: Jason Gill

Minutes:

Alberto Chang made a motion to approve the minutes from April 9, 2015; seconded by Fred Connarn, the motion carried 3-0.

Recreation Coordinator Updates:

- The former skate park area – Ms. Haas has been in contact with Steve Keach, who is an engineer that the Town works with. He has a staff person in his office who is interested in working on this project. Fred Connarn and Ms. Haas will meet with them and keep the Committee updated. Mr. Connarn noted that the Committee finalized the design for this area, and the only item left to address is the surfacing. The concept was agreed to, the Board of Selectmen supported it, and we are moving forward with to work on the final details, costs, and surfacing.
- Ms. Haas noted that she is still working on getting the Tokanel tennis court spec out; she noted that some contractors are behind due to the winter.

Old Business:

Master Plan Phase II: It was the consensus of the Committee that Cheryl Haas and Mark Lucas work on this project, and report back to the Committee. Cheryl and Mark will set up a time to work on the Town Master Plan update.

Other: Ms. Haas will have United Site Services check the lock on the ADA unit at the beach, as well as increase the cleaning of the units at Rogers Field to have them serviced twice a week through June, instead of once a week. Mr. Lucas noted that the Boy Scouts Camping went well at Griffin Park and their service project was to clean the Park of litter, etc.

New Business:

Gage Lands: The Committee had a planned phone call with Al Letizio, from the Board of Selectmen, to discuss the concept of the Town selling land and using the monies from that to possible fund and build Spruce Pond. Mr. Letizio explained that he is reaching out (or has reached out) to the Recreation Committee, Planning Board, Conservation Commission, and Windham Economic Development Committee. The idea is to not cause taxpayers any financial stress. The Town has an inventory of property and this way one could be sold and the money

from this could be used for a much needed project. This would have to go to the voters in March. The initial interest was in land on London Bridge Rd (Lot 20-D-2000). Whether or not that is the piece of property that will be sold or not, Mr. Letizio was looking for support from the Recreation Committee on the concept of doing this.

After a great deal of discussion, the Committee decided on the following. Committee members wanted to review the previously identified town lots which would be considered for sale. In an effort to maintain the most flexibility with the support of the sale of land, committee members are asked to come up with a list of characteristics which describe set of plots which would be acceptable to be sold for the purpose of raising funds to build a recreation project such as Spruce Pond. This is in hopes to get a response to Mr. Letizio, and the Board of Selectmen by May 30th.

Other: Mr. Lucas brought up the discussion about dogs that are not on leashes, no dogs on the field, etc. After some discussion, it was decided that Ms. Haas will reach out to the Community Service Officer who also serves as the Dog Officer, to see if she can frequent Griffin Park more. It was also decided to bring this up at a future meeting.

Alberto Chang made a motion to adjourn at 8:55 pm; seconded by Fred Connarn, the vote carried 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted:

Cheryl Haas, Recreation Coordinator