

**Approved**  
**Windham Recreation Committee Meeting – October 16, 2014**  
**3 North Lowell Rd. Windham NH 03087**

Mark Lucas called the meeting to order at 7:09 pm.

**Members Present:**

Mark Lucas, Fred Connarn, Alberto Chang, Jason Gill, Dennis Senibaldi.

*Also Present: Cheryl Haas, Recreation Coordinator.*

**Members Excused:** Selectmen Liaison Bruce Breton.

**Minutes:**

Dennis Senibaldi made a motion to approve the minutes of **August 21, 2014**; seconded by Alberto Chang, the vote carried 5-0.

Fred Connarn made a motion to approve the minutes of **September 18, 2014**; seconded by Jason Gill; the vote carried 5-0.

**Old Business:**

***Spruce Pond***

Mr. Senibaldi explained to the Committee that the CIP has put Spruce Pond out for a bond, which means there needs to be 60% in favor in order to pass on the March ballot. He attended a LWCF workshop on 10/8/14 in Concord. There are approximately 22 projects applying for the grant money. Mark Lucas has put together a press release to put into the papers and to distribute to the sports leagues. After some discussion, it was recommended to wait until the Board of Selectmen go through the budget process during November and December, and then begin the PR. The Committee also discussed having Spruce Pond on the ballot contingent upon receiving the grant. The hope would be to get more support for the project by doing this.

Ms. Haas will inform the Committee when budget meetings are scheduled with the Board of Selectmen.

***Former Skate Park Area***

Ms. Haas reminded the Committee that this was on the Board of Selectmen agenda for Monday, October 20, 2014. After a brief discussion, it was decided to do a quick status update with the Selectmen on Monday night, to make sure the Committee is heading in the right direction. Ms. Haas will write a memo to them. The Committee went over each option, with pros/cons and approximate cost. The Committee made the priority list based on the survey results (passive recreation.) Alberto Chang informed the Committee that there was an online survey trying to get volleyball as the number 1 priority.

Below is the ranking of the options, with pros/cons, and the approximate cost.

#1	<i>Passive Recreation/Gardens with planting/shade trees, benches, seating areas, chess/checker tables, hopscotch, shuffleboard, etc.</i>	<i>Received highest overall preference ranking; suitable for all ages; low maintenance</i>	<i>Limited use; difficult to design</i>	<i>\$60-\$90K</i>
2	Passive Recreation as described in #1, combined with one (1) Sand Volleyball Court	Mixed uses; incorporates three (3) survey results; all ages	Limited use; moderate maintenance	\$60-\$90K
3	Toddler biking via resurfacing of the area and otherwise keeping it as is	Low cost; low maintenance	Inefficient use of space; limited use of space	\$15-\$20K
4	Performance Stage	Cultural and unique	Limited use	\$60-\$400K
5	“Splash Pad”	Brings a unique recreational aspect to Windham	Cost; proximity of similar alternative in Derry	\$80-\$150K

Ms. Haas will write a memo to the Board of Selectmen outlining the information above, and will send a copy to the Recreation Committee. Mr. Lucas will present the information at the meeting on Monday, October 20, 2014. The Committee’s intent is to present a more detailed presentation once feedback is received from the Board of Selectmen.

**Other:**

Fred Connarn made a motion to cancel the December meeting for the Recreation Committee, seconded by Jason Gill, the vote carried 4-0.

*Jason Gill made a motion to adjourn at 8:55 pm, seconded by Fred Connarn, the vote carried 4-0.*

Respectfully Submitted:

Cheryl Haas  
Recreation Coordinator