

PARKS & REC COMMISSION

MINUTES OF MAY 23, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 p.m. Present were John Zannotti, Maria Bissell, Ruth VanHouten, Traci Fairbanks (6:15), Melissa Metivier, Margaret Winn, and Debbie Bokum.

Minutes

The minutes of the April 18, 2011 meeting were approved as written.

Communications

John reported on the e-mail communications regarding the Summer Program flyer distribution at the school. This year an abbreviated brochure will be included in the June newsletter, which is mailed home to students and others in the community who wish to receive it. Brochures will also be available at the school.

Programs

Debbie introduced Hank Lang, who was present to give an overview of his experience in running triathlon and other fundraising events. He showed samples of previous event brochures and itemized lists on how he has managed these events. He ran the past triathlon events in Spofford with huge success. The consensus of an interested group of volunteers was to plan this event for next year in that the town was having events to celebrate its 250th anniversary beginning this summer. The commission was asked how they felt about running an event this summer on a smaller scale, perhaps a mid-week evening. Such an event could include a 500 meter swim, a 3 mile run, and a canoe race around the island in place of biking. Safety comes first and Hank was very knowledgeable in knowing what was necessary. He would like to form a committee of three made up of himself, Melissa, and a computer person to see if this is feasible. He noted that he would need to control the budget aspect of the event. The timeframe would be the middle to end of July or mid- August. Insurance should be covered under the Town of Chesterfield, but Melissa will check this with Rick.

Hank was thanked for his time and enthusiasm in helping the Parks & Rec Commission.

Following his departure, the commission decided to move forward in trying to have an event this summer. John will check with the Selectmen regarding where start up money could come from. Melissa will contact Hank to start working on the logistics.

Beaches

Melissa reported that there are no state requirements for testing public beaches. Spofford Lake Association testing is adequate. John asked that the commission receive copies of SLA reports. The

drinking water testing will now be sent directly to the state instead of going through EAI. This will be done tomorrow. All tests can be shipped together, which will save a lot of money.

The Goals for 2011 were e-mailed to everyone as well as proposed new programs for 2011. Melissa stated she did not have a chance to talk with Tom Duston about using trails. She is still planning on trying a movie on the beach this year.

Facilities

The renovations of the auto door closer and vanity in the men's room are being done. Melissa included the updated building repair and maintenance history in her e-mail with goals.

John reported on the septic maintenance costs. He will contact Rick again regarding the e-mail that was sent. It looks like there is a charge of about \$350 per year for inspections. John will give Melissa a list of questions to ask during this inspection.

Budget

Sand was purchased for Wares Grove. Melissa has received several envelopes that are not yet opened that may be enrollment for the Summer Rec program through the website. A bill has been received for \$416 for truck maintenance. A 2009 Kawasaki 360 4 wheeler with ten miles on it has been purchased for \$3,000. Melissa is now getting the gas for the truck at the town garage.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, June 13, at 6:00 p.m. at Ware's Grove.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Bokum