

Town of Bridgewater, CT
Bridgewater Recreation Commission
Minutes of Regular Meeting: June 23, 2011

Attendees: Catherine Vikstrom, Julie Stuart, Justin Planz, Jo Gallagher, John Flaxman, Jim Moker

Absent: Heidi Verdi

Call to order: 7:02

Minutes from last month approved: May 19, 2011. Motion to approve by Julie Stuart, seconded by John Flaxman.

Correspondence: None. Permanent secretary still needed.

Coordinator's report: Zumba and Karate. The Senior Center will accommodate two Bridgewater Recreation classes. Due to renovations at Burnham School, the facility at the senior center will be available. The Bridgewater Congregational Church has offered to let us use the church for summer camp. The Bridgewater Volunteer Fire Department has also supported our summer camp activities by offering the fire house as a bad weather location, and visiting the camp with a fire truck.

The weekend baseball clinic has started with kids from 8-12 years old. 36 kids have registered with 6 coaches to teach the basics and strengthening skills. 9-10:30 on Saturdays. John Flaxman motioned to approve, Justin Planz seconded. 5-0

Old Business: Tennis courts. John Flaxman has been overseeing the progress. Color of the courts and texture were decided. John recommends blue/green colors and a medium texture/speed. Jo Gallagher motioned to approve, Jim Moker seconded. 5-0 Completion of the job will be the first week of August. A ribbon ceremony was discussed to determine a date, invitations, and promotion in the town newsletter.

Summer camp: Drafts of camp brochures were shared. Lunch Bunch program was not financially viable as there were not enough campers signed up. Motion made by Jo Gallagher, seconded by Catherine Vikstrom. 5-0

Facility Maintenance schedule: Schedule for the maintenance of the sports facilities needs to be completed and given to the First Selectman.

Other items to consider for 5 Year Plan include constructing a small parking lot on Hut Hill Road, and improving the boat ramp at end of Hemlock Road.

New Business:

Financial support: Bridgewater Colonials requested \$2163.48 in funds for league fees, etc. Motion made by Julie Stuart, seconded by John Flaxman. 5-0

Runners Club: Dr. Susan Bemis would like to start a Runner's Club in town. She will be invited to attend a future meeting and share her ideas.

Shepaug Baseball / Softball: Letter requesting financial support of the three-town youth baseball/softball league. \$1500 requested and approved. Julie Stuart made motion, Jim Moker second. 5-0

Family Fun Day: Julie Stuart is facilitating the town-wide event of Family Fun Day. This event is a partnership with the Bridgewater Land Trust. Event scheduled for September 25, 2011

Next meeting: July 28, 2011