

Town of Bridgewater, CT
Bridgewater Recreation Commission
APPROVED Minutes of Meeting: August 4, 2011

Attendees: Catherine Vikstrom, Julie Stuart, Jo Gallagher, Jim Moker, Heidi Verdi

Absent: Justin Planz

Call to Order: 7:04

Minutes from June 23, 2011: not addressed

Correspondence: Letter from P&Z dated July 7, 2011 (addressed below).

Coordinator's Report: (submitted by Ann Virbickas) Reviewed by Catherine Vikstrom. Water problems in the Pavilion noted during the month of July. Source of problems identified by Town Foreman and related to electrical load, installation of the Tennis Courts, and damage to toilets. Problems have been addressed. Pavilion Rental agreement needs updating over the off-season. Profits of summer camp for both the preschool and elementary school groups were tallied. Motion to approve by Julie Stuart, seconded by Jo Gallagher.

Old Business:

Tennis Courts- A ribbon cutting ceremony to officially open the courts at some time after Labor Day has been proposed. The Commission members would like John Flaxman's efforts to be noted at this ceremony. Julie will find out what type of event the selectmen of the town would prefer. October looks like the best time to host event due to upcoming town plans including Bridgewater Fair Days, Tractor Parade, and Family Fun Day.

Summer Camp:

The four weeks of camp were successful with the help of excellent staff this year. Director Tara Iannotti will be submitting a report and analysis of the 4 weeks to Catherine shortly. Plans for the Middle and High School Age group need to be proposed/evaluated for next summer.

Facility Maintenance schedule:

Jo proposed we collaborate on this issue at the next meeting using a 'brainstorming' method. The draft to be completed by October and finished for review by Town Foreman Brian Sullivan in November.

New Business:

P&Z Request: Letter from P&Z re: 10 Year Plan of Conservation and Development was reviewed by members. Catherine drafted a preliminary response which was shared with members. Julie recommends we add expansion of the shoreline area of the Town Park on Hemlock Road, for better viewing of the lake by townspeople and regrading/paving the boat launch area for ease of launching boats. Catherine suggested the town may need approval from First Light.

Advocacy Plan or 5 year Plan: Catherine suggested we review our recommendations at the next meeting to determine what the Commission would like to see addressed in the next 5 years.

Runners Club: Dr. Susan Beris is continuing to work on this club's mission etc.

Next Meeting in August is cancelled.

Submitted by: Heidi Verdi