

**Colchester Parks & Recreation Commission**

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Town Hall

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**Members Present:** J. Barr, C. Ferrante, M. Kennedy, L. Dimock, N. Kaplan, and L. Stephenson (7:48pm)

**Members Absent:** S. O'Leary, E. Kundahl, C. Williams and A. Spranzo

**Others Present:** Jay Cohen, Parks and Recreation Director; Greg Cordova, BOS Liaison; Tom Carey, Youth soccer; Paula McDowell and John Blakley, Colchester Youth Football; Allison Rehr, Amanda Pizzaferrato, Samantha Scheibelein, Allison Rzewuski, Joe LeCourt, Matt Brion, Bobby Slason, Matt Abbatomarco, Matt Brown, Alex Perez, Gloria Kazibwe, Dale Patchell, Stephen Davis, Quinn Duffy, Brianna Townsend, Cheryl Leith, Jackie Legasse, Megan Hennessey, Liz Ciccone, Alli Lynch, Alyssa Hanson, Megan Avery, John Dwyer, Caitlin Dean, Justin McCabe, Clair Paisley, Emily Mednick, David Mahoney, Jordan Browne, Jacob Saxton, Jake Loskant, Ethan Shukis, Caitlyn Hope, Joyce Maine, Marlei Simon, Sarah Gosse, Rebecca Uliasz, Mary Corrado, Evan Wojcik, Matt Brown, Bacon Academy Civics Students.

1. **Call to Order:** Vice-Chairman Ferrante called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.
2. **Citizen's Comments:** Tom Carey questioned which field would be rested in the fall. Vice-Chairman Ferrante stated field resting was agenda item 6 and would be discussed at that time. The Commission members took a moment to welcome the numerous Bacon Academy Civic Students present at the meeting and introduced themselves.
3. **Acceptance of the December 7, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes:** N. Kaplan motioned to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2009 meeting, seconded by J. Barr. All members present voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**
4. **Reading of Correspondence:** None
5. **Committee Reports:**
  - **Facilities:** None
  - **Finance/Administration:** None
  - **Programs:** None
  - **BOS Liaison:** Budget discussions slated to begin soon.
  - **Dog Park:** None

N. Kaplan motioned to accept all committee reports, seconded by J. Barr. All members present voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

6. **Discussion and Possible Action on Closing of R8:** J. Cohen began discussion stating that the closing of R8 was previously approved. P. McDowell from Colchester Cougars Youth Football came forward to address concerns and clarify field renovation procedures. P. McDowell wanted a guarantee that youth football would be able to use the Bacon Academy field while R8 is closed. J. Cohen stated that field use requests must go through the normal field reservation procedure. P. McDowell then requested the amount of money the town wanted from youth football for field renovations. J. Cohen stated that while youth football can perform work on the field with approval the town is not "looking" for them to do any work to R8.

Youth Football should submit renovation plans to the town for approval since certain guidelines need to be followed, but the actual renovations will be handled by the football league. T. Blakley stated that youth football will meet with youth Lacrosse to determine a plan and submit it to J. Cohen. The field will be reopened on September 15, 2010.

Discussion concerning the closing of R-2 will be added to the February agenda.

7. **Discussion and Possible Action on Sustainable Sites Training:** J. Cohen provided overview of training offered. Introduction to Environmental Stewardship and Sustainable Sites Training. The Commission agreed it would be beneficial to offer both training sessions and make it available to the public. This would support the Strategic Plan of Educating the public about the importance of the environment. J. Cohen will set up the dates.
8. **Discussion and Possible Action on Email Advertising:** J. Cohen explained the rationale of this new advertising opportunity. It will provide much needed additional revenue streams. After discussion the commission agreed the plan would be beneficial to the Parks & Recreation Department. J. Barr motioned to forward the Email Advertising Proposal to the Board of Selectman for approval, seconded by M. Kennedy. All members present voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**
9. **Strategic Plan Status Review:** J. Cohen will meet with staff January, 5 for their input and will forward the information to the commission. The commission will review the plan at the February meeting for possible approval.
10. **Director's Report:** J. Cohen gave brief overview of his report. Ice rink installed, lot repairs completed at CES and WJJMS, tarps on R8, brush on trail trimmed, water lines to tennis courts repaired. Ornament sales profitable, BOF Liaison position open due to resignation of Brian Smith, scholarships up 40%. (L. Stephenson arrived at this time) M. Kennedy motioned to accept the January 4, 2010 Director's Report, seconded by L. Dimock. All members present voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**
11. **Recreation Supervisor's Report (Quarterly):** None
12. **General Comments:** None
13. **Adjournment:** N. Kaplan motioned to adjourn the meeting, J. Barr seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.** Vice-Chairman Ferrante adjourned the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lynette Dimock  
Parks & Recreation Secretary