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**Colchester Parks & Recreation Commission**

**January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011  
Town Hall, Room 1  
7:00 p.m.**

**\*\*REVISED\*\***

**MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Chairman S. O'Leary, L. Stephenson, L. Dimock, N. Kaplan, C. Ferrante, and E. Kundahl

**Members Absent:** A. Spranzo. Alternate, C. Williams, M. Kennedy, and J. Barr

**Others Present:** Greg Plunkett, Nancy Dooley, Pat Dooley, Steven Lima, Zach Cormier, Joey Mielczank, Matt Szymanski, Mateoesz Mikunda, Dylan Kniska, Rick Kaminske, Bryan Burtis, Ally Lund, Bendan Carey, Peter Malicki, Kyle Bently, Stephen Fontana, Chelsea Morris, Kaitlin Morris, Autumn Biederstadt, Jackson Diklert, Jared Coffin, Ricky Wdowiak, Alysha Gabree, Kelsey Hall, Brittany Speiller, Sierra Wilder, Matt Hemm, Ryan Clauss, Rachel Gosselin, Amy Pinto, Paige Manidnois, Tyler Rodrigue, Ryan Fogarty, Evan Sheean, John Blakely, and Candace Barnes

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman S. O'Leary called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.
2. **Citizen's Comments:** None
3. **Acceptance of Minutes, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Meeting:** E. Kundahl motioned to accept the minutes of the December 6<sup>th</sup> 2010 meeting as presented. Seconded N. Kaplan. L. Stephenson abstained. All other members present voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**
4. **Reading of Correspondence:** None
5. **Committee Reports**
  - **Facilities:** N. Kaplan gave Facilities report which focused on which field should be closed this year. The focus is on R2. The Facilities subcommittee will meet within the month of January. Sean added some thoughts and concerns for the baseball leagues.
  - **Finance/Administration:** None
  - **Programs:** None
  - **BOS Liaison:** None
  - **BOF Liaison:** None
  - **BOE Liaison:** None
  - **Senior Center Study Group:** None

N. Kaplan made a motion to accept the Committee Reports. Seconded by L. Dimock. All other members present voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**
6. **Discussion and Possible Action on Concession Stand Bid:**

E. Kundahl made a motion to accept the Acting Parks & Recreation Director's recommendation to accept the proposal from Subway of Colchester to operate the concession stand at the Recreation Complex for up the next 3 years pending BOS approval. Seconded by C. Ferrante. All other members present voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**
7. **Discussion and Possible Action on Update of Recreational Specialist Position:**

G. Plunkett informed the Commission of the BOS approval for the Recreational Specialist Position to continue full time hours through June 1<sup>st</sup> 2011.

8. **Discussion and Possible Action on Closing of R2:**

N. Kaplan touched on this in his Facilities Report. C. Ferrante informed the Commission that the use of the William J. Johnson field in place of R2 is not at all a possibility. The leagues would like a decision about R2 soon for planning purposes. C. Ferrante spoke on behalf of the baseball league and said he believes planning should continue for a 2012 closure of R2 since baseball registration will be completed before the next Parks and Recreation Commission meeting. At this point the feeling is there may not be enough notice for the leagues to move forward with a spring 2011 closure. E. Kundahl noted that the fall is a better season to rehabilitate the grass and therefore he is in support of a fall closure. S. O'Leary would be willing to hold a special meeting if the Facilities Subcommittee was able to meet with the leagues and come to a recommendation. The Facilities Subcommittee will be meeting on January 10<sup>th</sup> 2011. The location is to be determined.

9. **Discussion and Possible Action on Sponsor Recognition:**

G. Plunkett informed the Commission that First Selectman Schuster would like to hold the Sponsor Recognition at the January 20<sup>th</sup> 2011 BOS meeting. Chairman O'Leary encouraged Commission members to mark this date on their calendars so as many Commission members as possible could be in attendance.

10. **Discussion and Possible Action on Update of 2010 Ornament Sales:**

G. Plunkett updated the Commission that the sales of holiday ornaments have brought in \$365 so far and they are still selling them. People are still able to buy ornaments from some of the past years as well although availability may be limited depending on the year.

11. **Director's Report:**

G. Plunkett gave Director's Report and focused on updating the Commission that the repair work on the damaged drainage pipe at the Bacon Academy track has been completed at no cost to the town. N. Kaplan made a motion to accept the Director's Report as presented. Seconded by E. Kundahl. All other members present voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

12. **Recreation Supervisor's Report (February, May, August, October):**

None

13. **General Comments:**

Commission would like to add a review of the bi-laws to the February Agenda as well as discussion on the Endorsed League Policy to the February Agenda.

14. **Adjournment:**

Motion was made by E. Kundahl to adjourn at 7:47 p.m.. Seconded by C. Ferrante. All other members present voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Candace Barnes, Clerk**