

MEETING MINUTES  
Colchester Parks & Recreation Commission  
November 3, 2014, 7:00 p.m.  
Bacon Academy Conference Room

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**Members Present:** C. Ferrante, N. Kaplan, L. Dimock, D. O'Brien, K. Moody, E. Kundahl, L. Stephenson  
**Others Present:** C. Hancin, Paula McDowell, F. Ricci, Bacon Academy Civics Student Megan Klein, Eagle Scout Kevin Carroll

**1. Call to Order**

Chairman C. Ferrante called the November 3, 2014, meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

**2. Additions to Agenda**

C. Ferrante MOTIONED to add "**Discussion and Possible Action on an Eagle Scout Project**" as item #10 and reorder the remaining items accordingly. SECONDED by E. Kundahl. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

**3. Citizen's Comments**

None

**4. Acceptance of Minutes: Sept. 8, 2014**

N. Kaplan MOTIONED to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2014 meeting. SECONDED by K. Moody, E. Kundahl and L. Stephenson ABSTAINED. All other members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

**5. Reading of Correspondence**

None

**6. Committee Reports**

- Facilities – F. Ricci presented a report from the recent Sports Council Subcommittee meeting. Committee has made plans to change practice patterns and shift field use to reduce wear on the fields and they are developing a process for reporting field use abuse. Field improvements were discussed including adding sprinklers to R2, plan to fund it with group fundraisers that will have a designated field improvements account. Plan to create a blog and design a Google calendar to aid in sports council meeting scheduling. Next meeting, November 13, 2014.
- Finance/Administration – none
- Programs – none
- BOS Liaison – none
- BOF Liaison – none
- BOE Liaison – none

**7. Discussion and Possible Action on the Recreation Commission and Sport Council 2015 meeting dates**

E. Kundahl MOTIONED to accept the 2015 meeting dates as presented, L. Stephenson SECONDED. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

**8. Discussion and Possible Action on the Dog Policy during R8 events**

Problems concerning dog fights and dog bites at the recreation complex were presented. League Presidents do not have recourse for telling people to remove their dogs because the signs allow leashed dogs. Game day and practice congestion cause additional problems with dogs present. Possible changes and solutions were discussed. Based on the potential of continued problems commission members agreed to forward a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen. E. Kundahl MOTIONED to recommend that the policy and signs be changed indicating: No pets are allowed at the Recreation Complex during any organized youth/adult event. At all other times pets must be leashed. SECONDED by D. O'Brien. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED. C. Ferrante will forward the recommendation to the Board of Selectmen.

**9. Discussion and Possible Action on Board Member Application**

C. Ferrante will recommend that K. Moody be recommended for the open permanent position on the Commission, leaving two alternate positions open. The need to advertise the open positions prior to appointing new members was discussed. Application was tabled until advertising takes place.

**10. Discussion and Possible Action on an Eagle Scout Project**

Eagle Scout Kevin Carroll presented his plans for an Eagle Scout Project he would like to complete at the Recreation Complex. The project will involve removing the existing siding from the two dugouts on R2, replacing he siding and painting it. His fundraising efforts will be done this winter, with work to start in the spring. The work will be supervised by the troop leaders. E. Kundahl MOTIONED to accept and allow the Eagle Scout project to move forward, N. Kaplan SECONDED. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED

**11. Recreation Supervisor's Report**

C. Hancin distributed written report for review and offered to answer any questions. N. Kaplan MOTIONED to accept the Recreation Supervisor's Report. SECONDED by K. Moody. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

**12. Recreation Manager's Report**

C. Hancin presented report for review and discussed the Program Fund budget report for July, August and September. The fund is doing well, trending as usual. Government class is going well, with an average of 20 participants. It is a good opportunity for the public to have questions concerning the budget answered. Colchester Civic Orchestra will perform during the Holiday Homecoming, Dog Park reopened after kennel cough closing, CCT will perform "Shrek" on Feb. 13, 14 and 15, 2015. Deed and maps for the Green were presented, C Hancin said the language in the deed expresses that the Green "must be used for public parade". D. O'Brien MOTIONED to accept the Recreation Manager's Report. SECONDED by E. Kundahl. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

**13. General Comments**

None

**14. Adjournment**

L. Stephenson MOTIONED to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 pm. SECONDED by E. Kundahl. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lynette Dimock  
Parks & Recreation Commission Secretary