

Meeting Minutes
Colchester Parks & Recreation Commission
October 5, 2015, 7:00 p.m.
Colchester Town Hall, Room 3

Members Present: D. O'Brien, L. Stephenson, T. Loskant, C. Ferrante, E. Kundahl, N. Kaplan
Others Present: C. Preston, J. Paggioli, D. Mizla, T. Keller

1. Call to Order

Chairman Ferrante called the October 5, 2015 meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

C. Ferrante MOTIONED to add Eagle Scout Presentation to the Agenda. SECONDED by T. Loskant.
All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED

2. Citizen's Comments

None

3. Acceptance of Minutes: August 10, 2015

E. Kundahl MOTIONED to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2015 meeting. SECONDED by T. Loskant. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Reading of Correspondence

None

5. Committee Reports

-Facilities/Sustainability Task Force - None

-Finance Administration - None

-Programs - None

-BOS Liaison - D. Mizla reported that the BOS is expecting a presentation from C. Preston on the possible action of fees to use Town Fields. Meeting is set for Wednesday.

-BOF Liaison - None

-BOE Liaison - None

6. Discussion and Possible Action on the update from Public Works on the fields and Rec Plex

J. Paggioli reported Jason Henderson from UCONN assisted with an R8 demonstration. The field has been seeded and fertilized. There had been an electrical failure at the Town Green and the crew has been working on it. Modems were received today and the upgrading of the lighting will begin on the Rec Plex fields. NO ACTION.

7. Discussion and possible action on fees to use the Town Fields

Discussion took place regarding the endorsed sport leagues paying to use town fields to help maintain the Rec Plex and BOE fields. C. Preston is preparing a Budget Presentation for the BOF and BOS. The Commission gave recommendations on what the presentation should include. Concerns were presented over the timeline of events to follow, giving proper notice to parents of the new charge, creating a dedicated fund for field maintenance use only. NO ACTION.

8. Eagle Scout Project Presentation T. Keller.

T. Keller presented his Eagle Scout project to expand the existing trail from Ruby Cohen's property into the Moroch property. N. Kaplan MOTIONED to endorse project. SECONDED by E. Kundahl. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

9. Tri-Board Update

Discussed raising funds to help maintain fields. The mission will be to come up with a long-term sustainability of outdoor fields. Board is looking to obtain information on field usage from parks & recreation, registration numbers from sports leagues, as well as cost of maintenance from Public Works to maintain field in current conditions for Wednesday's meeting to further discuss the fees to use the field. NO ACTION

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10. Recreation Supervisor's Report

Written report submitted for review. C. Ferrante opened discussion about the readiness of school approved permits by October 30th. L. Stephenson MOTIONED to accept report. SECONDED by C. Ferrante. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

11. Recreation Manager's Report

C. Preston presented a written report for review. She reported that the 57 Fest went very well and with the sale of bracelets and glow sticks sales the event broke even. C. Preston will be presenting to the BOF on 10/14 for the 2016-17 budget needs. N. Kaplan suggested extending the Park Ranger position through November as a budget need for 16-17. We are currently looking for artist for the 2015 Holiday Ornament. L. Stephenson MOTIONED to accept report. SECONDED by T. Loskant. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

12. General Comments

None

13. Adjournment

N. Kaplan MOTIONED to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. SECONDED by T. Loskant. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joan Campbell