

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Colchester Parks & Recreation Commission**  
**March 2, 2015, 7:00p.m.**  
**Town Hall Rm. 3**

Members Present: D. O'Brien, K. Moody, E. Kundahl, L. Stephenson, C. Ferrante, T. Loskant  
Others Present: P. McDowell, Denise Mizla, Elijah Tassmer, Linda Labickas, Ryan Slivinski, Tim Johnson

1. **Call to Order** Chairman C. Ferrante call the March 2, 2015 meeting to order at 7:02p.m.

2. **Additions to Agenda**  
None

3. **Citizen's Comments**  
None

4. **Reading of Correspondence**  
None

5. **Acceptance of Minutes: December 1, 2014**

E. Kundahl MOTIONED to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2014 meeting, SECONDED by L. Stephenson. All other members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED

6. **Committee Reports**

- **Facilities** – E. Kundahl shared concerns regarding the field usage of R8 and the overuse of playing of the field between football and lacrosse. P. McDowell said football has cut down on their practice schedule during the week in order to give R8 a “rest”. It was suggested that lacrosse be asked to do the same. Discussion led to the recommendation that all leagues are asked to cut back on practices for the wear and tear on the fields. C. Hancin will ask this of all the leagues.
- C. Ferrante asked what the status of the repairs to the Spray Park was. The repairs of the Spray Park pipes is a concern due to the fact that the pipes that need repair are tied into the 3 fields, R1, R2 and R3 and that would determine the watering of those fields. C. Hancin stated she will ask J. Paggioli of Public Works the status of this project. D. Mizla stated that a presentation was made to the Board of Selectman yet a decision had not been made.
- **Programs** – None
- **BOS Liaison** – D. Mizla said the Budget Workshops are to be presented to the public and Board of Finance on March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm with time for public comments and questions to follow. March 4<sup>th</sup> the BOS will review the Town Budget with the First Selectman. March 5<sup>th</sup> at 7pm the school budget with the Board of Education and School Administrators will be discussed. A Public Budget Form will be held on March 9 at 7pm. All meetings will be held at the Town Hall.
- **BOF Liaison** – None
- **BOE Liaison** – None

7. **Discussion and Possible Action on the Easter Egg Dog Hunt on the Town Green**

L. Labickas reported the date is now May 3, 2015 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. for the event and will be called The Pet Expo. There will be a \$7 entrance fee for each person/dog. Sponsorships for the event will have the opportunity for promotional materials, name/logo in press releases along with Park & Rec website, flyers and mass e-mails. The Sponsorships are: The Great Dane Sponsor \$300, The Beagle Sponsor \$100 and The Chihuahua Sponsor \$50. The goal is to raise \$800. From sponsorships, purchases and donations. E. Kundahl MOTIONED to approve this event. SECONDED by C. Ferrante. All other members present voted in favor.

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**8. Discussion and Possible Action on the Donate for Life Flag flying in April.**

C. Ferrante read the email from Peter Kupczak requesting the Donate Life Flag be raised and the Pow-Mia flag is removed from April 17<sup>th</sup> through May 1<sup>st</sup>. This will be the fourth year the town has done this. E. Kundahl MOTIONED to approve. SECONDED by T. Loskant. All other members present voted in favor.

**9. Discussion and Possible Action on the Boy Scout Project**

E. Tassmer asked to work on the gravel trail at the rec plex that goes around the perimeter of the fields for an Eagle Scout project. This would be to promote fitness for people inclusion of distance markers, workout stations and benches along the trail. Elijah, through donations and the help from his troop and Scout leaders, will build all the necessary signs and benches. He would like to start the project in late spring to continue for 4-5 weeks. Authorization from Tim Angel and Jim Paggioli will be required for placement of benches as well as insurability will be needed. The Board questioned the sustainability and maintenance through the years, with the recommendation of Boy Scouts to maintain the benches each year as a project. E. Kundahl MOTIONED to approved. T. Loskant SECONDED. All other members present voted in favor.

**10. Discussion and Possible Action on the Dog Policy Recommendation from the Board of Selectman**

Concerns were discussed as to how the Town would enforce the policy as well as the location of the signage. Contradicting signs on different areas of the Rec Plex were also discussed. C. Ferrante suggested this be handled at the permit level with each sports league, rather than the Town policy level. P. McDowell said she would be fine with that. C. Hancin to discuss with Stan Soby and BOS. NO ACTION

**11. Recreation Supervisor's Report**

C. Hancin reported they are interviewing for the Assistant Director position for Kindercamp. The Kindercamp registrations were low last year possibly due to the half day hours. Therefore, the hours have been changed to full day hours Monday-Friday to increase the number of campers. The software program ActiveNet is working well. Easy to see what fields are booked. The Sports Council meeting went well - a lot more communication between the leagues create easier assigning of the field permits.

**12. Recreation Manager's Report**

The Spring Connections is off to the printer and comes out on March 20,2015. The Special event planning meetings for large events in town have concluded. Permits will be approved in the next 2 weeks. Sponsorship Requests for 2015 will be going out shortly to support all 2015 Special Events.

**13. General Comments**

None

**14. Adjournment**

D. O'Brien MOTIONED to adjourn the meeting at 8:42p.m. SECONDED by K. Moody. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,

Tracy Loskant

Parks & Recreation Commission Member