



# TOWN of DEEP RIVER

## Parks & Recreation Commission

### Meeting Minutes

April 11th, 2012

Chairperson, Janice Kmetz, called the meeting of the Deep River Parks and Recreation Commission to order at 7:40 pm on Wednesday, April 11, 2012 at Town Hall. Members present were, Sarah Kateley, Kelley Lacoske, Cathy Smith, Miriam Morrissey, and Carol Jones. Those members absent were: Jason Mercer, Kevin Crosby, Mary-Elizabeth Massey, Grace Petroka, Tania Crosby, Sarah Tullidge, Don Sampson, Betsy Scholfield, Dave Berardis, Peter Woodcock Sr. and Tracy Woodcock.

**Audience of Citizens-** There was one. Mr. Jim Olson attended the meeting as he is considering becoming a member of the commission. Olson has not yet been appointed.

**Secretary's Report-** The motion to accept the secretary's report with the following corrections was made by Morrissey and seconded by Lacoske. The motion was passed unanimously.

**Corrections to the March 14<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes of the Parks and Recreation Commission-** under 'Old Business', a motion was made by Petroka and seconded by K. Crosby to allow Hungry Hal's to serve food on Tuesday evenings during cruise nights at Plattwood Park from May 15<sup>th</sup> through early September. Hungry Hal's has offered to donate 10% of their gross receipts weekly to Parks and Recreation. The motion passed unanimously. A motion was made by K. Crosby and seconded by Morrissey to allow the Misfit Cruise nights to go beyond the previously agreed upon time frame of 8 p.m. once a month for the purpose of holding a family sock hop. The sock hop would last until approximately 9:30-10:00 pm. The motion was passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report-** Morrissey presented the treasurer's report. All expenses from the egg hunt are included. Lacoske made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. The motion was seconded by C. Smith. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **Old Business-**

- a. Summer Concerts: Morrissey reported that the committee met and all concerts have been booked. The committee is working on securing the vendors (area restaurateurs) to serve food during each concert. There are nine concerts this year as opposed to eight. The concerts will begin on June 28<sup>th</sup>.
- b. Carnival: The dates of the carnival are June 14-17<sup>th</sup> 2012. Massey, via e-mail, reported that the committee is investigating whether the Town's insurance will allow a beer tent. Report to be made at next meeting.



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- c. Summer Program: Second round interviews have been completed. There were four applicants called back to re-interview. A decision will be made shortly. Jones reported that the summer program brochure, for both the morning and afternoon sessions were sent out via the elementary school. The registration materials were put on the Deep River Town web site as well as press releases sent to the local papers. C. Smith reported that the local 'back pack' program that provides weekend meals and assistance to local families has expanded to include among other things, free camp sessions for families in need. The social worker at the elementary school has been notified. Morrissey reported that Parks and Recreation has historically set aside two or more openings each week to be awarded as scholarships to needy Deep River families. That practice will continue.
- d. 5K Run/Walk and Fun Run: No report. Date is September 15<sup>th</sup> 2012.
- e. Family Day/Fireworks: Jones is working on signing the contract. The date has been confirmed with the company. Date is September 15, 2012. Whelen engineering has generously donated \$5000.00 to help defray the cost of the fireworks for the 2012 display. Whelen also gave a \$5000.00 donation for 2011.
- f. Movies: No report.
- g. Plattwood Park: Jones met with the security company to review footage from cameras located at Plattwood to see if the person/persons responsible for the graffiti spray painted on two of the rocks close to the basketball hoop could be identified. It was discovered that the storm had shut down the camera system. The camera system is operational once again. The primitive educational workshops that were scheduled for this Saturday April 14<sup>th</sup> are going to be cancelled due to low enrollment. A local church youth group is planning on performing a spring clean-up at Plattwood on Sunday, April 15th in honor of Earth Day. Kmetz reported on the meeting that took place in order to decide where the snack shack, proposed to be built by local Eagle Scout candidate, Iestyn Norton from Troop 13 Boy Scouts, will be located. The site to the right as you approach the beach beyond the first sidewalk was decided upon, pending approval by the Town Building Inspector. The size of the shack was determined to be 24' X 12'. Jones called Norton with the information. The scout will build the structure, but the town will handle the installation of the concrete slab and any utilities that are needed. A motion to allow the snack shack project to move forward was made by Lacoske and seconded by Morissey. The motion passed unanimously. Jones reported that one of the basketball nets is missing and needs to be replaced. A motion was made by Kateley to allow Jones to spend an amount not to exceed \$100.00 to replace both nets at Plattwood. Lacoske seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.
- h. Devitt Field: It was observed that Tri-town Football was holding a clinic at the field on Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup> while members were present to set up for the egg hunt. A letter will be sent to Tri-town football reminding them that they need to fill out a field use form and have it approved prior to field use. No



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groups would have been approved for this date as it was scheduled for a Parks and Recreation event. A punch list of items needing corrective action was put together. The selectman will be presented with the list shortly. Opening Day of Little League is Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. Jones will look into the cost to replace the plywood window that opens to the 'A' field. Jones mentioned that the selectmen has plans to block off the alcove by the restroom doors and create one large restroom that will be handicapped accessible with access from the 'A' field side (if possible). More information regarding this will be presented at the next meeting.

- i. Town Landing/Dock: Massey reported via e-mail that a local Brownie Troop will be doing some spring cleanup on Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> from 9-2 p.m.
- j. Brockway Ferry: No report.
- k. Easter Egg Hunt: The egg hunt was postponed due to rain, and was held on Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup> @ 2 pm. It was not as crowded as other years but that made the 'hunt' last longer. There were approximately 3000 eggs scattered about. C. Smith and Kateley were the chairpersons. Jacob Kateley was the Easter bunny this year. He arrived by fire truck. Jones to write thank you notes to all involved.
- l. Fishing Derby: Lacoske reported that the fish will be the same as ordered last year although the price of shipping has gone up substantially. Prizes, coffee and donuts and the engraving of the plaque will be the other expenses. The event is scheduled for Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup> 2012. Fish will be delivered on May 10<sup>th</sup>. Jones will remind the Dry Pants Club that the floats that they use must be pulled out the weekend prior to the derby and that they should remain out for the full weekend of the derby.
- m. Halloween: No report.
- n. Holiday Stroll: No report.
- o. Basketball: No report. The program was a success.
- p. Bus Trips: The bus trips that are booked for two major league baseball games are selling OK. There remains about 18 tickets to the Red Sox game on May 13<sup>th</sup> and still about 40 left for the Yankee game in August.
- q. Membership: We have had two new members join recently and Jim Olson is planning to join. However, there are still at least three openings on the Commission.
- r. Fundraising: No report.



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***Other Old Business:***

The safe boating class is scheduled for April 29<sup>th</sup> from 8-4 at the Deep River library. Registration is going well. Professional photographer Steve Nadler will conduct a six week, basic photography class starting April 19<sup>th</sup>. The class has about 7 people signed up.

***New Business:*** No new business.

Morrissey made a motion to adjourn. Kateley seconded the motion. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10pm.

The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission is Wednesday, May 9th, 2012 at 7:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Carol Jones, Director & Acting Secretary Parks and Recreation*