Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Minutes of Meeting August 19, 2008 7:00 p.m. at Hooksett Library

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. Present were Board Chairman Mike Horne, Roger Hebert, and Dave Elliott. Dale Hemeon, representing Hooksett Recreation Department, was also present.

Mike Horne introduced new Board member Dave Elliott, appointed by Town Council for a term ending 6/2011.

Dale Hemeon brief the Board that the Recreation Department was unable to fund fireworks for Old Home Day this year due to lack of funds (operating on a default budget plus increased costs for fuel).

There was a brief discussion about the location of the proposed new playground on Hackett Hill Rd near Corriveau Drive. The public hearing held earlier in the year had a majority of attendees not in support of locating a playground there. It was discussed perhaps an existing recreation area could be expanded to create additional infrastructure needed to make up the current deficit. One idea was expanding the Peter Brook field location. Most research and exploration is needed.

A general discussion was held about the Hooksett Recreation Inventory, recent additions (like the two sections of recreation trails near Heads Pond, expansion of fields at Memorial School) - were these included in the inventory being used to determine the recreation needs and current deficit. Mike Horne agreed send Dave Elliott a copy of the Bruce Mayberry study so he could develop some background on the subject.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Minutes by Mike Horne

Reviewed and approved: 9/16/08 motion to approve R. Hebert, 2nd J. Burwell, all in favor