

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Minutes of Meeting
March 11, 2009

(From Town Council meeting – Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Presentation)

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES Regular Meeting Wednesday, March 11, 2009

SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS – 4th one

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Update

Mike Horne: I have been on the Park and Recreation Advisory Board since July 2003. We have five (5) board members and one Council representative. We currently have one (1) vacancy. Meetings are held monthly. As of our February meeting, we are no longer in a deficit with regards to parks and can start to use the impact fees collected. I have copies of the five (5) year plan that shows what we are working on. We have been working with Kiwanis to get the trails done. The Board has also been in communication with HYAA working with the active recreation. We have worked with Conservation but need to work more with them for passive recreation including Quimby Mountain. The Playground at Hackett Hill has not been started. The public input was 95% against. We need to provide a different concept. We are also working on utilizing the gym here at the Town Hall.

B. Gahara: I think they do a wonderful job. The deficit is now settled. The membership has been working hard and the five (5) year plan is great.

P. Loiselle: Congratulations on working through the deficit issue. That was a very serious issue to take care of and now you can utilize the impact fees.

N. VanScoy: It is great that you have provided a five (5) year plan. When and where are your meetings?

M. Horne: We meet the third Tuesday evening of the month at the Library.

N. VanScoy: For the record, I live on Dale Road, which has Donati abutting the property. I consider this a benefit and have rental property there and when I advertise it, I advertise how close it is to the park. I've been really happy with how things are in town, in particular in the Parks and Rec. Department.

D. Ross: There is a lot of interest in the community center to begin to develop and utilize the space. I want to reiterate that possibly you can utilize the new member to start leasing out this gym space.

D. Hemeon: We have a few groups interested in utilizing the gym so there should be schedule coming forward this spring.