

**Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Minutes**  
**November 19, 2009**

**Call to order:** 7:00 pm

**Present:** Chairman Mike Horne, Dave Elliott, Nancy Van Scoy, Marty Lennon, and Jacqui McCartin. Mike welcomed Jacqui as new Board member and Nancy to her first meeting a Town Council representative.

**Absent:** Corri Wilson (excused), Dale Hemeon

**Correspondence:** None

**Public Input:** None. [Note: Emails received prior to the meeting will be read during Public Input.]

**Approval of Minutes:**

The minutes from the October 15, 2009 meeting were approved as written. Motion Marty, second Mike Horne. Approved (abstained: Jacqui and Nancy).

**Old Business:**

1. Dog Park: The opening of the park was well attended and had some good publicity. The board discussed personal observations: have seen lots of use, unaware of gate into fenced exercise yards at the north side, vehicles parking other than parking lots. Recommendations were to have more signage where to park, no parking on grass areas along the access road. May need more designated parking. Effect on rowing club wasn't considered when site selected. Loss of on land practice space. Jacqui shared the rowing club donates \$5K annually for scholarships.

2. Town Web and Recreation Dept: Mike passed around copies of the Recreation Dept. web pages posted by Jodie. Comments were how much better it is than what was posted previously. Suggestions were made to seek an intern from local college to help build better Town and in turn Recreation web site.

3. Ice Rink: Dave Elliott showed brochure of a seasonal ice rink that Parks and Rec should consider, now there is no town ice rink. Location around Donati Park recommended. Perhaps beside the Town Hall. Dave will contact Dale to show him the brochure from poolproducts.com.

4. Budget FY2010/2011 and Capital Improvement Program (CIP): Mike explained that he had attended the CIP committee hearing for Parks and Recreation. Looked like this year might be a

second year without adding funds to the Recreation Future CIP item. Nancy asked about having more storage for Recreation and Parks – citing Old Home Day committee and others need for cold storage. Mike will talk with Dale.

5. Kiwanis Efforts on RailTrail: Joan MacDonald, member of Kiwanis Trails committee, was adding lots of information, photos, etc. to the Kiosk at the parking lot and needed a map of the trail. Dave volunteered to increase and re-orient the map of the trail he created to go in the kiosk. Mike will coordinate with Joan and Dave to coordinate installation.

6. Right to Know: Mike reminded Board members of the need to get this training. DVDs can be borrowed from the Town Administrator's office.

**New Business:**

1. RailTrail Expansion: Mike showed on a tax map the old Portsmouth to Concord Railroad right of way and explained the tax map and assessor's information shows the Town owns the entire ROW east to just short of Chester Turnpike. He also updated the Board that a section of a new trail will come to the Town with the development of Webster Woods, Phase II.

2. Increased Collaboration with the Conservation Commission: Mike explained the need for a board member to attend the upcoming Conservation Commission meeting where Dale would be requesting help in the purchase of land adjacent to the Peter Brook field. Marty volunteered to attend.

3. Mike acknowledged that the 5-Year Plan needs to be updated to reflect the addition of the Dog Park and loss of an ice rink.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, December 17, 2009 at 7:00 pm

**Adjourn:** 8:00 pm (Motion Marty, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jacqui).

Respectfully Submitted,  
Nancy Van Scoy  
Covering for the Board Secretary