

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Minutes
December 18, 2009

Call to order: 7:05 pm

Present: Chairman Mike Horne, Dave Elliott, Jacqui McCartin, Nancy Van Scoy, Corri Wilson.

Absent: Marty Lennon, Stu Werksman, Dale Hemeon

Correspondence: None

Public Input: None.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes from the November 19, 2009 meeting were approved. (Motion N. Van Scoy, 2nd D. Elliott. Approved unanimously.)

Old Business:

1. Dog Park: No further action needed at this time. Check in this spring.

2. Carol Granfield hired an IT person 2 days/week.

Action items:

- We need to have our meeting dates changed on the town website.
- We need front page visibility, not to be buried.
- Compare with other towns' websites.

3. Ice Rink: No updates. D. Elliott hasn't heard back from D. Hemeon. M. Horne stated that Hemeon will have Phil Arnone check into it. Possible "natural" site for ice skating – will check into Hanna Ho Hee Pond.

4. Budget update: We are ok without adding money to the fund this year. Continue doing what we're doing. Jodi Pinard putting energy into Rec program. Archery was a big success (fee to participate).

5. Kiwanis Rail Trail: D. Elliott put map in kiosk. Evelyn Horn and M. Horne have key to kiosk.

6. Right to Know: reminder to watch DVD.

7. Rail Trail Expansion:

- Manchester Sand & Gravel owes taxes on right of way; need to go back and correct records which currently show that the Town owns the portion.

- Kiwanis will still focus on Webster Woods Phase II, Cigna property. Potential grant money for them to pave some areas.

8. Peterbrook Field:

- M. Lennon attended meeting.
- D. Hemeon made presentation.
- Check if conservation funds can be used for active recreation facilities.
- Are there are options for CIP and impact fees to purchase land?

New Business:

General discussion and "To-do"

1. Update 5-year P&R plan.
2. Hooksett is not pedestrian friendly.
3. Bikers are not dressed appropriately for dark.
4. Discussion about providing more areas for bicycle recreation.
5. N. Van Scoy noted that sidewalks are mentioned in the master plan.
6. Need to explore grant monies for these various ideas and projects.
7. M. Horne went to Governor's 10-year transportation plan meeting. In terms of Hooksett's 10-year plan, we are ultimately looking at alternate transportation routes. How do we get these ideas in front of the right people?
8. Create map of town indicating parks, recreation facilities, dog park, skate park, etc. This could be posted on town website.
9. Goal: to put together a proposal by our March meeting. At that time, work with The Banner to do a story on our plans and projections.
10. N. Van Scoy suggested working with Town Hall Preservation Committee to see how old Town Hall can be used for recreation. Next THPC meeting Wed 1/20 7 pm at library. Can we do a walk-through tour at some point to see what the layout and facilities look like at this point?

Next Meeting: Thursday, January 21, 2010 at 7:00 pm

Adjourn: 7:55 pm (Motion N. Van Scoy, 2nd J. McCartin. Approved unanimously).

Respectfully Submitted,
Corri L. Wilson
Board Secretary