

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Minutes
June 15, 2010

Call to order: 7:00 pm

Present: Chairman Mike Horne, Dave Elliott, Jacqui McCartin, Susanna Hargreaves,
Nancy VanScoy

Absent: Stu Werksman (alternate), Marty Lennon (excused), Recreation Dept. rep.

Guests: None

Welcome and Agenda Review: Mike Horne welcomed attendees, introducing Susanna to Dave Elliott. The meeting agenda was not amended or added to.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes from the May 18, 2010 meeting were approved as written.
(Motion N. VanScoy, 2nd D. Elliott. Approved unanimously.)

Public Input: None

Recreation Report: None was received from Parks and Recreation Department to review.

Old Business:

1. Recreation Web Site: M. Horne offered to write a letter to the Town Administrator, asking for support to improve visibility of the recreation programs to residents and visitors accessing the Town website. J. McCartin volunteered to work with the Town IT person/web master on improving the layout of Recreation Division web pages.

2. Winter Ice Rink: D. Elliott suggested the proposed ice rink be installed at Cowley Middle School. Dave reported that Dale Hemeon like the proposed location, saying he will check into it. Dave will follow-up during the next couple of months.

3. Rail Trail Update: M. Horne said Hooksett Kiwanis was awarded a \$25,000 grant by NH DRED/Trails (\$8,000 Kiwanis match). The work will consist of resurfacing the trail with Man-Pak and installing some drainage in the 1.4 miles section from Route 3 parking area east to the Town Pond (just before the painted rock). Work is planned to be completed this construction season. Mike recommended another project to be considered is to modify the grade of trail using switch back loops from the parking area down to the trail for better access by individuals with limitations.

4. Conservation Commission and New Field: Jacqui offered to contact Dale Hemeon and see how she could assist in getting an appraisal of the property being considered.

5. Update to Recreation 5-Year Plan: No progress.

6. Biking and Walking in Hooksett: No Progress

7. Old Town Hall Preservation and Recreation Needs: The committee working on reuse of the old Town Hall facility have asked for suggestions of potential uses. Susanna suggested having a game room for children. Another suggestion was to locate the Parks and Recreation staff there – the feeling the space at Donati was too cramped.

8. Rowing Club / Dog Park parking: Jacqui said she had not seen any new signage installed. She reported the recent "Learn to Row" day held by the Rowing Club was a great success with over 20 attending from local towns.

9. CTAP Update: Nothing new to report by Mike.

New Business:

1. News of Recreation activities in Hooksett: The Board agreed there is a need to improved communications of scheduled recreation activities with residents. Something that could have copies available at the Library, at the Town Hall where residents register their vehicles and pay their taxes, etc. Susanna offered to draft up a prototype. Another suggestion was to approach the Cawley (8th graders or the Key Club) and see if they might be willing to draft up a proposal.

2. Community Calendar: Nancy said there is an ongoing need for a Hooksett Community Calendar but it seemed no department or organization had stepped forward to build and maintain it. She asked if Parks and Recreation would be the proponent of leading this effort.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Adjourn: A standing adjournment at 8:00 pm to clear the Library at closing.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mike Horne
(for vacant Board Secretary position)