

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Minutes
July 20, 2010

I. Call to order: 7:00 pm

Present: Chairman Mike Horne, Dave Elliott, Marty Lennon, Susanna Hargreaves, Nancy VanScoy

Absent: Jacqui McCartin (excused), Ray Miclette-Alternate (not notified of meeting), Recreation Dept. rep.

Guests: None

II. Welcome and Agenda Review: Mike Horne welcomed attendees, introducing Susanna to Marty Lennon. Nancy VanScoy said Dan Paradis is the Town Council representative on the Board but she attended to have someone from TC there. The meeting agenda was not amended or added to.

III. Approval of Minutes:

The minutes from the June 15, 2010 meeting were approved as written. (Motion S. Hargreaves, seconded: D. Elliott. Approved unanimously.)

IV. Public Input: None

V. Recreation Report: Though requested, none was received from Parks and Recreation Department to review.

VI. Old Business:

a. Recreation Web Site: M. Horne said he has not yet written 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 not present to ask if she had contacted the Town IT person/web master with ideas on improving the layout of Recreation Division web pages.

b. Winter Ice Rink: D. Elliott said he was still trying to meet up with Dale Hemeon and see what was needed to purchase and install a rink at Cawley school. Nancy VanScoy and Mike Horne recommended the location be by the Town Hall on Donati Park property.

c. Rail Trail Update: M. Horne said he attended a regional meeting on rail trails on July 19th at Southern NH Planning Commission. He was there as both Hooksett Parks and Recreation Advisory Board member and member of Hooksett Kiwanis. The group is defining mission statement, vision, goals, a map of potential rail trails and status. He said he plans to continue to attend to keep Hooksett connected to other cities and towns in the region.

d. Conservation Commission and New Field: Open – nothing new.

e. Update to Recreation 5-Year Plan: Susanna Hargreaves asked Mike to email the plan to her so she could review it. Board members recommended the Board spend 30 minutes on the 5-Year Plan at the next meeting.

f. Biking and Walking in Hooksett: Nancy VanScoy reported at the recent meeting (Planning Board or Town Council?) a workshop was scheduled to be held on this subject. She will let the Board know when it is.

g. Old Town Hall Preservation and Recreation Needs: The Board discussed and brainstormed possible recreation uses, sharing them with Nancy VanScoy.

h. Rowing Club / Dog Park parking: Jacqui not present. She will be asked for an update at the next meeting.

i. CTAP Update: Mike reported nothing new. Meetings keep getting rescheduled to the future.

VII. New Business:

a. Election of Board officers: Mike recommended delaying the election until August as Jacqui was not present. He said he does not want to continue as Chair. Or continue doing the minutes. Marty Lennon said it is good for others to take a turn. Mike said he would help new members if they were willing to be nominated to a position.

b. 2010 Budget Planning schedule: Mike recommending getting dates identified when the proposed 2012 budget would be ready to review (as draft and as it went through the process – Town Administrator, Budget Committee, etc.) and ensure the Board had some visibility of it to make recommendations.

c. Properties with tax breaks for recreation: Mike Horne said he thought it would be a good idea to know what properties were given 20% tax reduction (recreation adjustment under Current Use). These properties should have more visibility to the public to use for recreation.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 17, 2010

Adjourn: Motion: Dave Elliott, seconded: Marty Lennon, adjournment at 8:00 pm to clear the Library at closing.

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