

**Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Minutes**  
**August 17, 2010**

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

**Present:** Chairman Mike Horne, Dave Elliott, Marty Lennon, Susanna Hargreaves, Dan Paradis, Jacqui McCartin

**Absent:** Ray Mickette-Alternate (Mike Horne said he left a message inviting him), Recreation Dept. representative

**Guests:** None

**II. Welcome and Agenda Review:** Mike Horne welcomed attendees, introducing Dan Paradis.

**III. Approval of Minutes:**

The minutes from the July 20, 2010 meeting were approved with minor grammatical corrections. (Motion Jacqui McCartin, seconded: S. Hargreaves Approved unanimously.)

**IV. Public Input:** None

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

**VI. Election of Board officers:** The following Board Members were unanimously elected. Marty Lennon was elected Chair, Jacqui McCartin was elected vice-chair, and Susanna Hargreaves was elected Secretary. Mike Horne offered his assistance in the transition of roles and if anyone has questions to feel free to contact him. Mike H. said Susanna may email him the minutes to ensure she is following the continued expectations of the Board. Mike H. said he will email the board list contact info to Susanna.

**VII. Old Business:**

a. Recreation Web Site: Ongoing. 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.

b. Winter Ice Rink: Ongoing. D. Elliott said he is going to email Dale Hemeon and see what was needed to purchase and install a rink at the location by the Town Hall on Donati Park property.

c. Rail Trail Update: Mike H. said there has been approval for resurfacing from Rte 3 to the pond. 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. Kiwanis continues to find ways to make and/or improve the trails.

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

e. Update to Recreation 5-Year Plan: Mike H. explained the 5-year plan to new members. It was agreed that the Ice Rink, Park at pond behind Walgreens, and Pinnacle Hill should be added to the plan. Jacqui M. also requested that the Utilization of the River be added. This was unanimously agreed. Mike H. said he will update 5-Year Plan.

f. Biking and Walking in Hooksett: Nothing new.

g. Old Town Hall Preservation and Recreation Needs: Ongoing. Nothing can be decided until the decision is made on what to do with the building.

h. Rowing Club / Dog Park parking: Jacqui mentioned a tree had fallen at the boat ramp due to a recent storm. The removal of the tree has opened up more space and also the ramp needs some repair due to deterioration. Mike H. recommended she speak with Dale. Mike H. reports that the dog park is going well. Dan P. and Mike H. have seen it being used. The new gravel parking lot has helped with competition for parking by rowing club. Nothing new on the signs requested at an on-site meeting in the spring.

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

### **VIII. New Business:**

a. 2010 Budget Planning schedule: Marty is going to contact Dale Hemeon to request that he come to the October meeting to share the budget.

b. 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.

c. Park at pond behind Walgreen's: Mike Horne said he had seen in the Conservation Commission minutes where the son of the prior owner of the property was concerned nothing had been done to establish a park at the pond as his parents had been told would happen. Ongoing.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, September 21, 2010

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
Susanna Hargreaves  
(Board Secretary)