

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Minutes
September 21, 2010

I. Call to order: 7:00 pm

Present: Chair Marty Lennon, Dave Elliott, Jacqui McCartin, and Mike Horne

Not present: Susanna Hargreaves, Dan Paradis, Ray Milette, and Dale Hemeon

Guests: None

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

III. Approval of Minutes:

The minutes from the August 17, 2010 meeting were approved as written.
(Motion M. Horne, seconded: D. Elliott Approved unanimously.)

IV. Public Input: None prior to the meeting or at the meeting.

V. Recreation Report: Marty Lennon said she emailed Jodi, asking for a monthly report from the Recreation Dept. but none was received. Dale Hemeon told Mike Horne prior to the meeting he was planning to attend and then had to cancel.

VI. Old Business:

a. Recreation Web Site: Ongoing. Mike Horne said he still had 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. Dave Elliott reported no progress. That he will continue efforts to contact Dale Hemeon and see what is needed to purchase and install a rink at the location beside the Town Hall on Donati Park property.

c. Rail Trail Update: Mike Horne said work has started preparing the trail to put down an improved surface on Head's Pond trail from Rte 3 east to the pond. The Highway Division installed the trench drainage and cross culverts in the past week. Kiwanis is seeking bids to haul, place, and compact the new surface material to be paid for by the State grant. Mike will continue to attend the periodic Regional Trail Alliance meetings and the NH Rail Trail conference November 13th.

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

e. Biking and Walking in Hooksett: Mike Horne reported Nancy VanScoy told him that the Planning Board and Town Council are scheduled to have a workshop on sidewalks on October 13th. It was agreed R&R board members should attend if possible.

f. Rowing Club / Dog Park parking: Nothing new on the parking signs and plans on the boat house and boat ramp side of the dog park that were requested at an on-site meeting in the spring. Jacqui McCartin to follow up with Rowing Club to see if there has been any follow-up.

i. CTAP (Open Space) Update: Mike Horne said he recently emailed Jodi and Mary of Southern NH Planning Commission, asking when the next meeting will be. Board members asked what CTAP is so Mike provides: As part of the I-93 Community Technical Assistance Program(CTAP), Hooksett was awarded funds to update the Town's existing Open Space Plan. The Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission (SNHPC) is facilitating this process. In order to complete this process, an Open Space Sub-Committee was formed with a representative from Town Council Conservation Commission, Parks and Recreation, Planning Board, ZBA, and Budget Committee.”

j. 2011 Budget review/input: moved to October agenda

k. Property getting 20% open space tax reduction for recreation: Open. Mike Horne will ask Town Assessing for a list of property receiving this tax discount.

l. Pinacle property: Nothing new heard about this property. Open

VIII. New Business:

a. Signs at Donati about picking up after their dogs: Dave Elliott asked if there were any signs at Donati Park, advising people who had their dogs with them to keep them leashed AND pick up any feces. Other board members said they were not sure. Dave Elliott said he visits the park often and frequently sees others walking dogs and letting them loose in the softball field. And occasionally sees dog feces. Members asked to visit the park and see if there are signs.

b. Property Proposed by Conservation Committee for recreation : Mike Horne showed the board an aerial map of property Dale Hemeon and the Conservation Commission were discussing as a possible site for new sports fields. P&R board members unanimously agreed the location was not a good site as it was too far from the population centers and the property could be better used for other recreation (passive park) if it was available. But for not sports fields.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 19th, 2010. Marty Lennon will contact Dale Hemeon and request that he attend that meeting or suggest another time to meet. NOTE: Dale had intended to attend the 9/21 meeting but had to cancel at the last minute.

Adjourn: adjournment at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mike Horne for
Susanna Hargreaves
(Board Secretary)