

**Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Minutes**  
**January 4, 2011**  
**At Town Hall Offices Room 204**

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

**Present:** Acting Chairperson Jacqui McCartin, Dave Elliott, Mike Horne, Dan Paradis, Susanna Hargreaves, Ray Miclette,

**Absent:** Excused: Marty Lennon

**Guests:** None

**II. Welcome and Agenda Review:** Acting Vice-Chair, Jacqui McCartin welcomed and thanked attendees on behalf of Marty Lennon.

The initial part of the meeting was held in observance of the Conservation Committee Meeting to watch a power point presentation on Hooksett Trails.

**III. Approval of Minutes:**

The minutes from the November 16, 2010 meeting were approved. Motion Mike Horne, seconded: Jacqui McCartin

**IV. Public Input:** None

**V. Recreation Report:** Email from Jodi Pinard: "Here is our recreation update for November and December. We have 20 participants in the Ski Club that heads up to Ragged Mountain on Saturdays from January 8 - Feb 12. We had gone a few years not having it as interest had dwindled but we revived it last year with a family of 4 and this year it has increased to 20 which is very nice to see. We finished out first session of Mommy and Me in December and are beginning a new session this week. We are hoping to add a day class but so far interest has not been there but we will continue to try. Finally we are putting the finishing touches on a possible Dodge ball League for adults to begin January 24, 2011. This program would run until April 25. We are also exploring maybe flag football, kickball, basketball, etc. We are gearing our efforts towards adults right now as there are not many things for them. Then we also would like to put evening events together as well."

**VI. Old Business:**

a. Recreation Web Site: Mike reported the new Town website is nearly finished. Jacqui will continue to endeavor to meet with Evelyn and Jody to make some suggestions to the Recreation pages. Ray mentioned that it would be great to set up a sign up on the website for an email blast of a newsletter or local information on HYAA and Parks & Recreation information.

b. Winter Ice Rink: The Board were unanimously disappointed that nothing came of the ice rink. Discussion regarding the possibility of using Hannah-Ho- Hee Pond to be used as a town ice skating/hockey rink was broached. According to Dave Elliot, all we would need is water access /clearing of snow and boards to section off a hockey area from general skating.

Many towns use ponds for skating and maintain them at little cost in fact Dorrs Pond in Manchester will be the site of a Pond Hockey tournament sponsored by the Manchester Monarchs in January or February.

c. Rail Trail Update: Ongoing. Mike Horne reports that the Kiwanis is still focusing on improving trails in the town.

d. Conservation Commission and New Field: Ongoing. Mike heard from Dale that he was able to get an appraisal for the field and it will be on the Conservation Committee agenda at their next meeting with the plan to make a pitch for a new sports field at Peterbrook Field.

Mike said he also plans to lead a brainstorming session at the library for Pinnacle Park on Thursday January 6th.

Ray said he will explore possible opportunities for athletic fields through leasing the land of a local family farm.

Mike handed out a rough draft of the proposed 5 year plan. He said he would work on it more and it should be on the February agenda.

e. Update to Recreation 5-Year Plan: Ongoing. Mike said he would bring the plan to the next meeting for review. Mike said the board needs to brief the town council on a finalized five year plan in March.

f. Biking and Walking in Hooksett: Ongoing.

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: Nothing new. End of the season.

i. CTAP Update: Mike reported nothing new, no meetings are scheduled.

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

a. Properties with tax breaks for recreation: Ongoing. Mike is still exploring and researching this.

b. Park at pond behind Walgreen's. Ongoing. Mike Horne said he will contact local Boy Scout Troop 292 and the Girls Scouts to see if they might be interested in helping with this project. Ray said his son is in Troop 292 and would further discuss it.

**Next Meeting:** Next meeting Tuesday February 1, 2011. The first part of the meeting will be at the Conservation Committee meeting at 6:30.

**Adjourn:** Unanimous standing adjournment at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susanna Hargreaves  
(Board Secretary)