

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Tuesday July 21, 2015 Meeting

Hooksett Municipal Building

35 Main Street Hooksett NH 03106

Meeting called to order at 7:15pm by Jackie McCartin.

Attendance:

Jacqui McCartin, Steve Smith, Deb Miville, Adam Jennings (Town Council Rep)

Guests: Mila Paul

Absent: David Elliot

Approval of meeting minutes of May 2015 meeting have been deferred for a subsequent meeting.

Motion to defer the approval minutes of previous meeting was unanimously approved 3-0.

There was no quorum at the June 2015 meeting, so no official meeting was held.

Public Input: None

New business: Vote of Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary

Motion by Deb Miville to nominate Jacqui McCartin as Chairman.

Motion was seconded by Steve Smith. Vote was unanimously approved 3-0

Motion by Jacqui McCartin to nominate David Elliot as Vice-Chairman.

Motion was seconded by Deb Miville. Vote was unanimously approved 3-0

Motion by Jacqui McCartin to nominate Deb Miville as Secretary.

Motion was seconded by Steve Smith. Vote was unanimously approved 3-0

Agenda:

Presentation by Mila Paul – the Easement Monitor for Conservation Committee. Video Slide presentation discussed the Dalton Brook Pond easement behind the Walgreen's store on Hooksett Road.

The property was donated to town, using Impact fees from area businesses.

Property has a paved walkway, and a piped gate.

The Pond was constructed for recreation, with the understanding that plans for its use would be for an ice skating rink. Current network of trails already exists.

Trail around pond had been previously maintained.

Some tile drainage or other management of marshy areas is still evident.
Property was formerly used as Tom's Gladiola Farm.
The pine forest and brook are healthy. The pond has at least three kinds of fish.
Paved walkway would allow for ease of brush etc. removal
The trail around the pond was previously managed by a two-wheeled vehicle,
which the town currently has in its vehicle inventory.

Suggestions for property improvement:

"With fairly minimal maintenance, Dalton Brook Easement can be used as a great relaxation and educational resource."

Easy hike / nature study for school kids –

Potential usage of pond by asking GE Aviation to incorporate its school fish event.

Also potential for available habitat grants due to pond sand – to add more sand.

Also available is a Fish and Games Homes for Wildlife grant.

Possible access for *Fun in the Sun* program on property - to connect with them.

Parks and Recreation Clay Pond recommendations:

The Blue Ribbon Fence Company is donating all 5 gates for Clay Pond property.

Parks and Recreation Dept possibly recruited to clean up the property area.

Clean-up maintenance for Clay Pond area would include an abandoned rowboat,
trash bags encased in mud, kitchen cabinets, etc.

Parks and Recreation Dept would take the work to be done in about half a day.

Adam Jennings will update the P&R Advisory Board roster on the Town website.

Motion to adjourn made by Jacqui McCartin.

Motion to second by Deb Miville

Vote to approve was unanimous 3-0