

**Present:** Phil Sanborn, Geoff Carlton, Dawn Genes, Sylvio Theriault, Dave Young, and Stacy Bender

**Guests:** ORYA - Mike Gamache, Nick Scuderi, Ben Genes, and Mike Rogers

**Oyster River Youth Association**

ORYA Board and Staff members present discussed the long range plan that ORYA has put together to address the needs of the three town area for youth sports. Most noticeable is the lack of field space for sports such as soccer and lacrosse.

Phil asked if there has been a comparative study on the maintenance of fields for certain sports such as lacrosse. ORYA purchased six or seven yards of sod to repair after lacrosse last spring at Tibbets. ORYA has rented a field turf field from UNH for \$132/hour for the spring 2011 lacrosse season.

ORYA is at a “tipping point” where the only way to expand or improve programs is to expand with facilities. With the loss of three fields at Flag Hill, the shortage is severe. Four full-size fields and one “rec” field are needed.

The Town of Madbury is willing to consider building another field or two at Tibbets. Phil suggested that the parcel owned by Madbury on the corner of Rt. 155 and Madbury Road be looked at for recreation development.

Lee youth participation with ORYA has grown 18% over the past three or four years.

Gym space is critical as well. Gym time needed this winter has been 8 hours/week at Mast Way, 16 hours/week at Middle School and 24 hours on the weekends plus 12 hours at the High School. Weekday times are overscheduled.

ORYA would LOVE to build a building like they use in Candia – two basketball courts and an indoor turf field.

The Town of Durham owns Churchill Rink and charges ORYA an hourly fee for use of the rink. Churchill Rink is to be self-supporting.

Lee is consistently one third of the registrants for programs.

**Town Meeting 2011**

Town Meeting will be in two days. The Recreation Commission will be presenting three warrant articles. Warrant #12 will request \$26,200 from the Recreation Trust Fund for basketball/volleyball courts. This will be amended so that other improvements will be possible if the funds can stretch. Warrant #31 requests \$10,650 for the operating budget. Warrant #22 requests \$25,000 for the Recreation Trust Fund. Warrant #13 is for \$16,000 from the Recreation Trust Fund for Phase II of Playground development.

**Fishing Derby**

This will take place on May 7, 2011. Kustra’s Auto body will get signs printed up. Letters are going out to make a formal request of both Randy Stevens and Ricky Stevens for use of their farms for the 2011 Fishing Derby.

**Dog Parks**

Lee Recreation has been asked if there is a possibility for a dog park in Lee. Dover recently completed one and it is quite popular. It is our intention for dogs to be allowed at Little River Park but it does not seem like a good location for a dog park. There has been an offer by a Lee resident to purchase the doggie bags with their business printed on them as advertisement.

**Little River Park**

In order to solicit advertisement for the outfield fence some more information needs gathered. Phil and Geoff are working on this. Some questions need answered by the Town Government Center based on a formal request by the Lee Town Administrator. This would resolve the issue of sponsor's banners hanging on a town-owned fence. The proceeds for the advertising on the fence would go towards the upkeep and maintenance of the field.

Power service at the park is still needed to run the pump and irrigation system.

The meeting adjourned at 9:38 pm.