

**Town of Northborough
Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting
May 11, 2010**

In attendance: David Rawlings, David Putnam, Sean McCann, Allison Lane and Michelle Lyseth. Guest: David Robillard, DPW Foreman.

6:39pm—Meeting called to order.

6:40pm—February Minutes. Sean McCann (SM) made a motion to approve the February minutes, motion seconded by David Rawlings (DR), motion passed 3-0.

6:41pm—Recreation Report by Allison Lane (AL). AL said that Recreation is doing well and is in the midst of summer camp sign ups. AL is renting upper Peaslee out for the duration of the summer to a Cricket group who could not find available playing fields elsewhere. AL also mentioned that she was denied the grant that would have helped pay for the proposed Community Gardens project.

6:47pm—DPW Report [Kara Buzanoski was not in attendance, David Robillard ('Robo') spoke on her behalf.] AL mentioned that Diamond Athletics was hired by Northboro Baseball to renovate upper Peaslee, and they did a fantastic job. Robo mentioned that trash cans would have to put out at that location. He also mentioned that the recycling receptacles were full down at Memorial Field; Pellegrino is contracted to pick up recycling but doesn't always pick up. Dave Putnam (DP) said that it attracts bees and can be dangerous. DP suggested leaving bags out for people to place recycling into instead of letting it overflow from the receptacle. AL asked who would be responsible for purchasing the bags.

6:55pm—Old Business.

- **Mowing.** DP asked Robo if the DPW was able to keep up with the mowing; Robo admitted that it's difficult.
- **Dog Park.** AL said that the Commission needs to have a position regarding a proposed dog park in Town. DP said that he has been told that the majority of those in favor of this park want it to be located at Assabet Park. AL said parents with young families might avoid visiting Assabet Park if dogs would be walked pass the park/splash pad area on their way to the dog park. Sean McCann (SM) asked if anything has been done to ban dogs from Ellsworth-McAfee, but AL said that dogs can't be banned from that park until there is an alternate location in place. DP suggested that is exactly the impetus for moving. AL said she would love to see a trail in town that would allow dogs but that the Trails Committee was not supportive of that idea. DP suggested identifying more possible locations, and SM suggested identifying five possible locations to present to the Board of Selectmen for them to ultimately decide. The following areas were identified as potential areas for a dog park:
 - Boundary Street
 - Assabet Park
 - Parks and Recreation property at the new Senior Center
 - Edmund Hill
 - Valentine Road
 - Buena Vista
 - Area Behind Chet's Diner
 - McManus property

Action Items

- Get on the agenda for the Board of Selectman's' June meeting
- Appoint Parks and Recreation Chairman

7:25—Meeting Adjourned.