

**Town of Northborough
Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting
November 1, 2011**

These minutes were approved by the Recreation Commission at its January 3, 2012 meeting.

In attendance: David Rawlings, Sean McCann, Jim Wing, Allison Lane, David Robilliard.

6:30pm—Meeting called to order. Minutes from October meeting were approved.

6:33pm—DPW Report by Dave Robilliard (DR). Power was out in Northborough due to the October snow storm. Many trees were destroyed throughout Town. Ellsworth McAfee Park lost all of its trees at the front of the park and all will have to be replaced. Allie Lane (AL): We lost the batting cage at Memorial Field as well. Also, we lost the big shade tree at Assabet Park just before the storm, and now there is no shade at Assabet Park. People are wondering how to replace it. AL thinks it is a good idea to look into a shade system for that park and will get quotes from O'Brien and Son's. Jim Wing (JW): I would call Bigelow's to see if they can give us a tree at cost? AL: Dave Veron called to see if there was anything he could do to help. Sean McCann (SM): We should thank Veron, that was really nice of him to offer. AL: Are you going to be able to take down the scarecrows soon? DR: It's on the list....SM: Are we replacing the trees at Valentine Road as well? DR: I am just waiting to hear from Allie with what she wants done down there. JW: Good job to SM for kicking out a rogue men's soccer group at Ellsworth-McAfee in October.

6:45pm—Recreation Report by Allie Lane (AL). AL: The winter brochure will be mailed out in 2 weeks. Recreation is currently working on the budget for FY13. We are also getting ready for the Friends of Northborough Recreation Hot Hot Hot Dance and Auction on Nov. 19th. Hopefully everyone is coming.

7:00pm—New Business.

- **Cricket Fields.** AL: A user group from out of town would like to have a cricket field in town. They are willing to pay for the usage. They need a very large space, larger than a soccer field. The commission spoke and decided that there just is not enough space to add a field for non-residents. The youth groups don't have enough space for their needs, we just can't accommodate a new organization.
- **Next Commission Meeting.** The next Commission meeting has been tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, December 6, 2011.

7:10—Meeting Adjourned.