

**Town of Northborough
Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting
February 7, 2012**

These minutes were approved unanimously by the Parks and Recreation Commission at its April 3, 2012 meeting.

In attendance: Sean McCann, Sean Durkin, Dave Putnam, Jim Wing, Allison Lane, David Robilliard.

6:36pm—Meeting called to order. Minutes from January meeting were approved.

6:40pm— DPW Report by Dave Robilliard (DR). DR said that the Town has hired a new DPW Director, Dan Nason, currently the DPW Director for Ayer, MA. He will begin working for the Town on March 19th. DR said that the DPW will soon be replacing the trees at Ellsworth McAfee Park, damaged by the October snowstorm. Seventeen trees total will cost approximately \$3400. Dave Veron is willing to donate 2 men to plant and mulch the trees, if the Town will provide the backhoe. DR will ask Bigelows to consider donating all or at least some of the trees. Sean McCann (SM) suggested coordinating a meeting with the Commission, Bigelows and Veron to figure out a plan.

7:00pm - Recreation Report by Allie Lane (AL). AL said that winter has been tough on the Recreation Department. A lot of programming was cancelled. AL went on to say that the annual Big Truck Day event has been scheduled for June 16 and ARHS is charging \$150 to use the parking lot and bathrooms. Currently, Recreation is working on the brochure for spring and summer, and camp registration starts this Saturday, February 11. The price of the Club Assabet/Kid's Discovery/Teen Scene summer camps have been lowered in hopes that people will sign up for more weeks. Lastly, Recreation will again be running the Free Play program but it will be offered at the schools this time instead of at Ellsworth-McAfee Park.

7:15pm—Old Business.

- **School Committee Meeting:** Sean Durkin (SD), Jim Wing (JW), Dave Putnam (DP), SD, Al, JW, DP all attended the meeting and said it went well.
- **Community Gardens at Valentine Road.** AL said that 20 more gardens will be added this spring, which will bring the total to 40. AL asked DR if another water spigot can be added; DR said yes. DP said that he will donate anything needed for the water. AL thanked him.
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7:25pm—New Business.

- NYSA asked to have lights on the Ellsworth McAfee park upper fields. AL asked them for a formal request in writing in time for the next meeting. Everyone in attendance liked the idea and suggested the need for lighting in the parking lot as well.
- **Next Commission Meeting.** The next Commission meeting has been tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, March 6 at 6:30pm.

7:40—Meeting Adjourned.