

Old Orchard Beach Ballpark Commission

Meeting Minutes – February 12, 2012

I. Call to order

Chair Furtado called this regular meeting of the Old Orchard Beach Ballpark Commission on February 12th, 2012 at the Old Orchard Beach Police Department in the Community Room.

II. Roll call

The following commission members were present: Chair Dana Furtado, Vice Chair Alan Graves, Lucien Huot, Mark Gustin, Linda Mailhot, Robin Dube along with alternate Robert Rings (Robert Rings via speaker phone). Also present was Jen DeRice, General Manager. The following audience members were present: Paul Crossman, Bill Rogers, John and Pam Gallo, Sharlene Taylor, Sheila Flathers and Robert Reilly.

III. Acceptance of Minutes from January 9, 2012

Chair Furtado indicated the acceptance of minutes from the previous meeting would be the first order of business. Mr. Huot said he would like to thank the Secretary for the time that was put into the minutes. Mr. Huot made a motion to accept the minutes on the provision that they be subject to review and correction. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Graves. The vote was unanimous.

IV. Duties & Responsibilities of Commissioners & Alternates

Ms. DeRice asked if we could do introductions. Chair Furtado introduced everyone at the table. Chair Furtado said that there are 7 full time commissioners and 2 alternates. The two alternates are Kris Fish and Bob Rings. He further stated that he spoke to the Town Clerk. The alternates have the same duties as the full time commissioners except when all 7 commissioners are present the alternates can participate in discussion but they are not allowed to vote. If a full time commissioner is not present the 1st alternate can vote. If a full time commissioner plus the 1st alternate are not available then the 2nd alternate can vote. The 1st alternate is Kris Fish and the 2nd alternate is Bob Rings.

V. Commissioner Assignments

Chair Furtado said he placed this item on the agenda to simplify the process and because the revitalization is getting a little more in depth he would like each commissioner to take on a different responsibility by participating in different committees, i.e. fundraising, marketing, grounds, concessions. The fundraising committee could generate funds and plan activities to generate funds to revitalize

the facility. There could be a grounds and building committee. The members of this committee could prioritize the things that need to be done with the facility, simplify the decision making process and allow us to keep our goal of bringing back the facility. Another is the concessions committee that could oversee the concession area and maybe provide some dialogue as far as things that need to be purchased and making the concessions more profitable. Marketing committee - help us market the facility, advertising, website design, etc. Ms. DeRice asked if the grounds committee was just for the facility buildings or grounds like the field as well. Chair Furtado answered it would be “whatever you want to do”. He envisioned both of those things being in one committee, but if its too overwhelming there could be a different committee for grounds vs. the buildings. Ms. DeRice asked if the fundraising committee included planning special events. Chair Furtado said yes. Chair Furtado said you can be on more than one committee if you want. Chair Furtado asked if anyone had any comments. Mrs. Mailhot volunteered to be on the fundraising and marketing committees. Vice Chair Graves asked if Mr. Fish was coming tonight. Chair Furtado indicated that he didn’t think so. Vice Chair Graves said Mr. Fish told him that he would work on the concession stuff if asked. Mr. Gustin asked how often the committees would meet. Chair Furtado said that is up to the committees to decide. Chair Furtado said it is important for a commission member to be on each committee so that the commission can get information from each committee that is important to the operation & facilitation of the ballpark. Mr. Gustin asked about funding for these committees. He said he thinks we need some money for each committee to do these things. He asked if everyone at the table was willing to spend a little bit of money to get these things done. Ms. DeRice said at the last meeting we talked about doing another workshop. She suggests that we do another one on prioritizing and then put the priorities on a board and work from there to see what we are looking at for money and to be able to see the big picture and prioritize that way. Chair Furtado said that each one of these committees is going to want something and there is going to have to be some give and take. Mr. Gustin said each committee is going to have some necessities, and unless we know what the necessities are it is going to be hard to move forward. He further stated that we need to know what those necessities are first, and then each committee can gradually move forward. Ms. DeRice is putting together a budget for the town and it will help her to know what those priorities and necessities are so she can put that information in her budget. Audience member John Gallo asked if the committees are going to be made up of commission members as well as other volunteers. Chair Furtado said yes. Audience member John Gallo said that each commission member will be responsible for reporting back to the commission on their particular items. Chair Furtado said yes, and that each committee can have a couple of commissioners, and that hopefully commissioners will want to be on more than one committee. Mr. Huot said that for now he is playing house husband & would like to reserve his commitment until his wife is feeling better. Chair Furtado indicated that he understood. Mr. Rings asked why the committees couldn’t have people that are not part of the commission. Chair Furtado said they can. Ms. DeRice said that a commission member will be on each committee to

report back. Mr. Rings said that way the citizens that would be involved in these committees could possibly become future commissioners. Ms. DeRice asked if Mr. Gustin was going to be on the grounds committee. Chair Furtado asked Mr. Gustin and told him that he wasn't obligated to. Mr. Gustin said the he certainly will. Chair Furtado asked Ms. DeRice to read back what she had taken down for notes on the committees. Chair Furtado indicated that he will be on the marketing and building & grounds committee. Ms. DeRice said she noticed Jim Doran is here and Al Lappin as well. Chair Furtado said he will also be on the fundraising committee. Mr. Gustin asked if audience member Paul Crossman was volunteering also. Ms. DeRice indicated that audience member Paul Crossman wants to be on the concessions committee. Ms. DeRice asked audience member Paul Crossman if we could count on him for something. Audience member said he would work on concessions. Chair Furtado asked if there were any other committees we should have. Mr. Gustin said that things may come up but for now what we have listed seems ok. Mrs. Dube said she will help wherever needed. Chair Furtado said that's all he had under commissioner assignments.

VI. Code of Ethics

Chair Furtado passed around a code of ethics that he put together, and he read through that paper. He stated he put this together in light of what is going on in town. He saw one online and changed it a little for our application. Mr. Plante came in at this time of 6:27. Mr. Huot made a motion to approve the proposed code of ethics. That motion was seconded by Vice Chair Graves. Mrs. Mailhot asked a question about #6 regarding the confidentiality and whether that applied to a public meeting or during an executive session. Chair Furtado said that was during an executive session. Mr. Gustin asked a question about #7 as he doesn't understand the need for that. Mr. Huot asked if that was meant for what happens outside of a commission meeting. Chair Furtado answered yes. Mr. Rings asked what about executive sessions. Mr. Furtado said it falls under item 6. Mr. Rings said are there no minutes during executive session. Chair Furtado said the confidentiality is for what takes place during an executive session. Mr. Rings said ok. Mr. Gustin asked if this need to go through town legal. Chair Furtado said no. Mrs. Dube said she had no problems. Mrs. Dube seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. Raging Tide Contract

Chair Furtado asked Ms. DeRice to give an update. Ms. DeRice said she had no update yet other than last week or the week before that Chair Furtado, Jack Turcotte, herself, Tom Lachance and John Gallo met via phone to discuss what is going on and what the hold-up is. She stated that last we heard the team was waiting for the LLC to be formed in order to know who is authorized to sign the contracts. The other hang-up is the \$1 per ticket over 500 that we need to discuss. That is another reason that John Gallo is here. Ms. DeRice stated "Mark, you made suggestion about that". The Gallos asked to have it changed to paid person, and then we got into further discussion about who qualifies. She further stated that Tom Lachance suggested that according to the existing wording in the

contract for each season ticket holder in attendance at each game if there were over 500 paid people in attendance they would be paying \$1 for each of the season ticket holders. Possibly, if they sold the season tickets for \$40 & if there are 27 home games, then \$27 of that \$40 go back to the Town if there are 500 people in attendance at each of those games. Tom suggested that it is per full price ticket. Perhaps there could be a tier system for season tickets. Mr. Gustin asked how many season tickets were sold last year. Ms. DeRice said they sold around 75-100 season tickets. Chair Furtado said there will be some reduced priced tickets sold for maybe \$3 instead of \$5 and that perhaps we could get 50 cents per discounted ticket sold. Raging Tide operates the concessions during the term of their contract, and we get 20 percent of that even for non Raging Tide events. Vice Chair Graves asked Chair Furtado what he thinks is right. Chair Furtado said he likes the \$1 for each full price ticket once there are 500 paid people in attendance and 50 cents for each discount ticket and a tier system for season tickets. John Gallo said the other thing to take into consideration is how difficult is it going to be to keep track of it, and if it is too difficult then it doesn't make sense. Vice Chair Graves agreed. Mr. Gustin asked for every reduced ticket sold we get 50 cents and for every full price ticket we get \$1. John Gallo said for every ticket sold from 1+ once admission reaches 501 that payment will kick in. Ms. DeRice said that she was concerned about last season with the clickers at the gate and how reliable the count was. She further stated when you went out and did a visual head count and then checked against the number that the clickers had, the clicker amount wasn't right. Mr. Rings said he supports Ms. DeRice as he did some of that counting also, and there was a real difference. Ms. DeRice also said that people stopped taking tickets during the middle of the game. John Gallo said perhaps they could have different color tickets for the different categories. A full price ticket could be one color, etc. Mr. Plante said that he had season tickets last year, and he had a thing around his neck instead of a paper ticket. How do they count that? Chair Furtado said if there are 300 full price tickets and 200 partial tickets and the clickers say 600 then there are 100 season ticket holders there. Audience member Reilly said perhaps you could give them paper tickets. Chair Furtado said it would not be cost effective to do that. Audience member Reilly said that is what they do at Fenway Park and at the Sea Dogs. You get a paper ticket for each game. John Gallo said people with season tickets could go up to the ticket office and get a paper ticket at a different color. Chair Furtado said there are comp tickets also. Audience member Paul Crossman said that season ticket holders could go through the turnstiles. Everyone that has a season ticket goes through one turnstile and all other ticket holders to through the second turnstile, and you would have an automatic count. Audience member Reilly asked what types of discounted tickets there might be. Chair Furtado said seniors, promotional day, etc. John Gallo said that for another example Tom Lachance mentioned you could give the boy scouts a number of discounted tickets that they pay half price for and then go out and sell them for full price as a fundraiser. Mr. Huot asked if we go with Paul's idea would you still have to go with John's idea of a different color ticket for each category. Audience member Paul Crossman said not necessarily. Ms. DeRice said that she thinks that is up to

the team to establish as long as we know there are checks and balances. Vice Chair asked how much revenue is going to come our way? Ms. DeRice said it depends on how well they market the team and the games. Audience member Reilly said the team would pay the labor to take care of this issue. Mr. Gustin said it would be a good idea to have someone on that committee and they could be walking around checking things and seeing how things look. Chair Furtado asked Mr. Rings if he hear that. Mr. Rings said he did not. Chair Furtado said to Mr. Rings that Mr. Gustin nominated him to be part of monitoring the tickets. John Gallo said once the game is into the 9th inning you could collect the tickets, do a counting and figure it out right there. Chair Furtado, Vice Chair Graves and Mr. Gustin all said they agreed. Chair Furtado said that we were getting a little off topic. Chair Furtado asked if we all agree on \$1 per full price ticket. The group said yes unanimously. Chair Furtado asked if we agreed on 50 cents per discounted ticket. The group said yes unanimously. Should there be a charge for season ticket holders? Audience member Reilly asked why you wouldn't ask for any goodwill money for the season tickets. Chair Furtado said if we do a tier system for example if they sold over 500 season tickets we could get say \$100, and if they sold 700 season tickets we could get say \$250. Audience member Reilly asked how much the season tickets are. John Gallo said somewhere around \$40. Audience member Reilly asked why anyone would want to buy a regular ticket. Chair Furtado said that it's cheaper, but not everyone is a resident. Mr. Plante said it is important to get a system in place and practice it. He wants to be able to run up there with his grandkids and not have to bother to get in line at the ticket office and have to get paper tickets. If you get 3000 season tickets sold and you get those people to show up then we wouldn't get anything possibly. So, yes it could be worth it. We don't expect them to sell 3000 tickets but that's why a tier system will work. Attendance numbers don't reflect season tickets right now. Audience member Bob Reilly said that according to research online, ticket numbers collected for this league show an average of 400 tickets sold per game. Chair Furtado said you may get more because there will be local kids playing. Audience member Reilly said that he's just saying that last years numbers don't reflect that. Chair Furtado said your best possibility would be 800 and worst case is around 400 so probably somewhere in between is what you will get. Audience member Reilly said your numbers are off. Chair Furtado said in the event the numbers do get there, we need a system in place. Audience member Reilly said he understands but doesn't think it will happen this year. Chair Furtado said ok. John Gallo asked for any ideas of what you would propose. He also stated that Tom Lachance was mentioning offering a flat fee for every season ticket sold starting with ticket number one and then they don't get counted as part of the 500. Mr. Gustin asked what about \$1 for each season ticket. John Gallo said you could get a percentage of the sale of the ticket or a flat rate of say \$5 per season ticket. Chair Furtado said his concern is that with \$1 for each full price ticket that it could potentially be more. Audience member Al Lappin said perhaps you could do it both ways. Chair Furtado said yes. John Gallo said that you could count the full price tickets and the discounted tickets and you don't count the season tickets. Chair Furtado suggested \$4 per season ticket or 10% of the season ticket sale

price. John Gallo said he will check with Tom. Mr. Gustin asked if we needed a motion to put that into the contract. John Gallo said that 10% of the season ticket revenue could go to the town and for each full price ticket in attendance once the number reaches 500 they could pay \$1 and for each discount ticket in attendance once the number reaches 500 they could pay 50 cents. Mr. Plante moved that we adopt that language. Vice Chair Graves seconded the motion. Chair Furtado asked who was in favor. The motion carried unanimously. John Gallo said that he would have to get this all cleared with Tom Lachance. Ms. DeRice asked John Gallo to give the committee an update. John Gallo said that he had a meeting in late January. Tom Lachance went to sign the contract, and the town determined that he wouldn't be authorized to sign the contract until the LLC was in place authorizing that. John Gallo said he was on the phone from Florida with Tom Lachance and Tom indicated that he had submitted the LLC paperwork with the State and it hadn't come back yet. John Gallo said that he will try to follow-up and find out what the status is now. He further stated that once the LLC paperwork is in place along with an authorization for who is qualified to sign the contract then they are all set to physically sign the contract with the town. John Gallo indicated that he has a meeting scheduled with Tom Lachance for Wednesday evening and will verify these things with him then. He thinks that the board can have a meeting and elect someone to sign the contract. Mr. Huot asked if we knew who all of the partners were. Ms. DeRice said no, but we know John and Pam Gallo for sure. John Gallo said that he suspects others are waiting for the LLC paperwork to come back from the state in order to put their money in. He further indicated they may have to open a different account then. He said that possibly on Thursday they may be able to sign a contract. Jack Turcotte said that one of his concerns as well as the council was whether there was a risk in waiting. John Gallo said he talked to Chris Hall today and he is anxious to get the contract signed. He is waiting for one date that has a possible conflict and once that is resolved the contract can be signed and the schedule can be released. That date in possible conflict is the BBQ festival and keeping track of those people. Mr. Huot asked if OOB365 agrees and if Sharlene Taylor is aware of any circumstances that would make it difficult. Sharlene Taylor said there is a separate serving window on the back side of the concession stand and that could be used. Ms. DeRice said the time of the game on that proposed date isn't known at this time. Chair Furtado said we can ask OOB365 what their intentions are for the facility on that day. John Gallo said perhaps we can make the game that day an away game. Chair Furtado said he would tell the league to release the schedule. Ms. DeRice said that perhaps soon we will know who all of the investors are. John Gallo said yes. Ms. DeRice thanked the Gallos for their attendance and the update.

VIII. General Manager Update

Ms. DeRice said the two items from the last meeting that she thought weren't paid are in fact bills outstanding, and she has submitted those to the town for payment. She further indicated that she and Jack Turcotte met with Don Lauzier from Saco

& Biddeford Savings. They did determine that Jill was making payments as necessary, and they will make sure the new finance director continues to do the same. Mr. Lauzier told them that he understands and he just wants to get any further agreements in writing. Ms. DeRice told him that they will do what he thinks is fair. Vice Chair Graves asked what the agreement is. Ms. DeRice said that the bank made a loan of \$10,000 to the ballpark and we would pay \$5,000 of the loan back and the bank would forgive the other \$5,000. Vice Chair Graves asked how much is owed. Ms. DeRice said the town is paying back \$1,000 per year and they have paid for 2 years so there is approximately \$3,000 left. She further stated that she still has a couple of requests. OOB High School is planning to play two home games at the ballpark at no charge. And the OOB Middle School teams are also playing two home games at no charge. Another New England Prospects League wants to do a half-day clinic with a game in June on a non-Raging Tide game day. She suggested a fee of \$700. The revenue generated previously was around \$400. They need a PA and the score board. Vice Chair Graves asked what the date was. Ms. DeRice said that she wasn't sure and she was just given the proposed schedule for the Raging Tide. Another group wants to use the field for three games. We did not charge the SMAA a use fee but kept the gate fee last year. Last year we collected \$860 on that day between the gate and concessions. Do we want to structure the fee the same way? Mr. Gustin asked what if the Raging Tide decides not to operate the concessions that day - can they do that. Ms. DeRice said yes. Audience member Crossman asked how much was collected at the gate. Ms. DeRice said about \$780. Audience member Sheila Flathers asked what date the SMAA game was proposed to be held on Ms. DeRice answered 6/2. Audience member Sheila Flathers asked when the Raging Tide first game was. John Gallo answered 6/7. Audience member Sheila Flathers asked if the Raging Tide wasn't ready to operate the concession stand if we could operate it. Chair Furtado said that the problem/drawback is the infrastructure to bring everything in prior to the 6/7 Raging Tide home opener date. Audience member Sharlene Taylor asked if we could set up something outside of the concession building to operate and provide some concessions. Ms. DeRice said that her question is whether we want to charge the SMAA a flat use fee or collect money at the gate. Chair Furtado said that he knows one thing. That there will be three games of baseball played and there will be costs associated with those games such as staffing, etc. If no one shows up and we don't get any money then that would be a bad situation. If we charge them a use fee then we know the costs will be covered. We could possibly sell concessions and collect a gate fee but our costs will be a minimum of \$240. Chair Furtado further stated that he would rather cover the fees of putting those games on. Mr. Plante asked who pays the officials. Ms. DeRice & Chair Furtado both answered that SMAA does. Ms. DeRice said we don't know who the teams playing will be. Audience member Paul Crossman said that he thinks continuing the association with the SMAA is a no-brainer. Ms. DeRice said all the top class A schools will be coming here and will play that day, but that she does understand what Chair Furtado is saying. Vice Chair Graves asked what the fee would be for the day. Ms. DeRice stated it would normally be \$510. Mr. Huot said that he thinks before we commit

ourselves we should find out if they are willing to open the concession stand. John Gallo said the schedule that the league put out goes to 8/9. Anything after 8/1 they would have to come back to the town for. He further stated that it might be better for them to not take it over on 6/1 and take it over maybe just a couple of days before the first game. Chair Furtado said that we need the revenue from the American Legion games regarding concessions as that is a big revenue generator. Ms. DeRice stated that she told Chris that 8/8 & 8/9 won't work for the ballpark but there are still games on the schedule. Jack Turcotte stated that the contract starts on 6/1. Vice Chair Graves asked what time the American Legion games are. Ms. DeRice said they go all day and night. Vice Chair Graves asked if we decided on the SMAA. Mrs. Mailhot asked how many games the SMAA played last year on that date. Ms. DeRice said that 2 games were played and the revenue generated was between \$700 & \$800. Vice Chair Graves said the top class A teams could be Scarborough & Cheverus. Audience member Sheila Flathers asked why it has to be either or. Chair Furtado said that it could be a fee plus maybe 50% of the gate. Ms. DeRice said that Ray Petit called her and said that they wanted to do the same thing as last year. Vice Chair Graves said there should be a fee per game. Audience member Sheila Flathers said can we say 'ok you played two games last year and this year it is three.' Mr. Lappin said at the civic center they collect money at the gate and don't charge a fee. Mr. Gustin said that's why we need to use a grand policy to deal with this so we aren't doing this everything something comes up. Ms. DeRice said it is other events as well. Chair Furtado said that other events are different and need to be handled differently than baseball games. He further stated that he hears two options that were brought up – a field rental / use fee and a gate fee only. Mr. Gustin said why can't we do both. Mr. Gustin made a motion there be the day use fee of \$125 and the night use fee of \$250 and a night double header of \$325. Included in that motion that we keep the gate fees. Ms. DeRice said she doesn't think that is going to fly. Mr. Plante seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. John Gallo asked if he could make a comment. He said 'can we adopt that motion for each game'. Vice Chair Graves said yes, that is what we should do. Ms. DeRice said that there is no tournament fee or multi-game fee and we need to look at that. Audience member Robert Reilly said that he read somewhere that other things haven't been charged that way. Chair Furtado said that is correct. Chair Furtado asked Ms. DeRice if she had anything else to report. Ms. DeRice asked about the American Legion junior tournament and if we were charging a per-game fee. Chair Furtado asked when it was. Ms. DeRice said they were playing 11 games including 2 night games and the use fee would be \$1625. She asked if there would be a discount allowed and that they also asked about splitting the gate. She also asked if there should be a deposit amount and at what date we should get a deposit. Vice Chair Graves asked Ms. DeRice if she could make us up a schedule of what she thinks it should be. She answered yes. Chair Furtado said that we need to lock in the event date and then get a non-refundable deposit. Ms. DeRice said the American Legion (not the Jr Legion) is another one that we made an arrangement with last year. Mr. Gustin asked what that was. Ms. DeRice said we did not charge a field use fee and collected money at the gate. She further stated that

each time we have done that we have come out ahead. John Gallo asked about the Raging Tide games in August. Ms. DeRice said we didn't discuss that. John Gallo said that he understands that but all the numbers they have put together have been based on 27 games, and if the number of games change than the figures change. Chair Furtado said if we agree to 27 games then we will give you 27 games. He further stated that maybe we keep control of the concessions after that 8/1 date. John Gallo said that he thinks that a set cost is the way to go. Vice Chair Graves said the dog show is \$500 for three days, and what is the date for that? Ms. DeRice said the date is 9/22. Ms. DeRice said the schedule is online. Vice Chair Graves said what about anything else. Ms. DeRice said there is the last weekend in August and possibly Labor Day Weekend. Audience member Jim Doran asked if the fees for his league are going to change based on tonight's discussion. Ms. DeRice said the arrangement with them is \$2,000 a month for 12 games a month. Mr. Gustin said that his motion didn't include that. Mrs. Mailhot said the motion was for the SMAA only. Ms. DeRice said she handed out a revised policy & procedures document. Mrs. Mailhot said she hasn't had a chance to review it since she got it at the meeting. Chair Furtado asked if it could wait until the next meeting. Ms. DeRice said that we can but the team needs to start using these polices & procedures immediately. Chair Furtado said this item isn't on the agenda so he thinks it should wait, especially since we were all given this document at the meeting. He further stated to Ms. DeRice that he thought she wanted another workshop on it. She asked 'on what'? Chair Furtado said because we didn't finish discussing all of that policies and procedures document, particularly the fees. He asked Ms. DeRice if she had anything further. She stated she did not. Chair Furtado asked if they intended to charge for parking since it hasn't been discussed. Ms. Mailhot asked if in fact the contract did not have a provision about parking. Chair Furtado indicated it did not have a provision for parking or alcohol. John Gallo addressed Jack Turcotte and asked if he was correct in thinking that the Town is going to make arrangements for the liquor and then they will take it over for two months. Jack Turcotte said no and that the best way to handle that would be to contract with a vendor that would provide the service for that. Chair Furtado said because it hasn't been addressed the window is getting smaller and smaller to deal with these things. Jack Turcotte said his understanding is that is up to the team to make their arrangements with a caterer.

IX. Individual Commissioner Updates

- A. Chair Furtado asked Mrs. Dayton if she had any updates – no.
- B. Chair Furtado asked Mrs. Mailhot if she had any updates. She indicated that she had some questions or comments and wasn't sure if this was the best time to ask them but she will. She said that one of her questions was relative to raising money and perhaps this can now be addressed through the fundraising committee.

- C. Chair Furtado asked Mr. Rings if he had any updates. He stated that he wanted to support Ms. DeRice regarding the policies & procedures, and that it needs to be in place before the team gets off & running. He further stated that in regards to the marketing study he has spoken to a marketing group in Portland and has just received a proposal from them that sounds interesting. One of his stumbling blocks has been computer time. He has a volunteer to translate. He needs to review the proposal. Mr. Rings asked if John Gallo was present at the meeting. Mr. Rings said that last year he put together some information with Raging Tide events and other events and can offer some information and benchmarking. If you want to see this information he is happy to share it.
- D. Chair Furtado asked Mr. Plante if he had any updates – no.
- E. Chair Furtado asked Mr. Huot if he had any updates – no.
- F. Chair Furtado asked Vice Chair Graves if he had any updates. He said that his POW deal is going but they haven't raised much money yet. He indicated that we don't really get involved for 60 days out.
- G. Chair Furtado asked Mr. Gustin if he had any updates. He stated that he got an email from Garvin Industries which is the company that gave us several thousand dollars of materials and they are working on getting a banner made. He asked Mrs. Mailhot if she would be willing to send a letter of thanks to McCann Fabrication for the drain covers for the dugouts that they made. Some were rusted out, and they did a fantastic job machining some new ones for us. Mr. Gustin asked Jack Turcotte if it was possible to get something with the ballpark letterhead. Audience member Sheila Flathers indicated that she had something on the computer and would get it to Mrs. Mailhot. Mr. Gustin stated that he would get the address to Mrs. Mailhot.

X. Good & Welfare

Chair Furtado asked if there was anything under Good & Welfare. Audience member Sheila Flathers asked Mr. Reilly if there was a fee associated with this marketing study. Mr. Rings said that there is a fee even if we do it ourselves. He further stated that he put together a proposal and presented it to the council. He told the people in Portland that we didn't have any money. Ms. DeRice asked how much the proposal was. Mr. Rings said that he can't say for sure but they said around \$13,000 but he needs to follow up more on that. It's a professional group that has done work for Idexx, CMP, etc. Chair Furtado introduced Bill Rogers and stated that he has some ideas on something he would like to do. Audience member Bill Rogers thanked the commission for the time. He further stated that he would like to use the go kart track to teach his son how to use a go kart. He is asking as a citizen. He knows there is a noise concern. The go kart has a 4-stroke engine and a quieter muffler. It does about 20MPH. He is asking about public use of that go kart track for maybe 2-3 nights a week. Jack Turcotte

said it was an interesting question and not the first time it has come up. He continued to say that it is probably more of a town issue than a ballpark issue. The research that he did before was not descriptive as far as any resolution. There are no rules or regulations to permit or deny the use. It is no different than anyone else going up there and riding a bike. Unless permissions/regulations are put into place it is not regulated at this time. If the actions aren't being done in a commercial capacity then it should be ok. He further stated that if people complain that could open a can of worms. He warned that the place is loaded with glass and that he may want to take a good look at that before he does anything. Audience member Bill Rogers said that he will make sure it is safe for his son to use. Audience member Al Lappin said that it is possible if this is being used that people may want to go watch it. Audience member Bill Rogers asked if he could put up a rope barrier. Jack said no as it is town property. Audience member Bill Rogers said that he can work around other events that are going on at the property. Jack Turcotte said that it may become a problem at some point but until then you could try it. Chair Furtado asked Jack Turcotte the status of the community garden as the commission is supposed to get an update every year. Jack Turcotte said that he didn't know as he doesn't think there is anything official. Audience member Sheila Flathers said that there is something in the minutes about it being ok for them to do it but that she doesn't think the numbers were provided. Chair Furtado said he has heard conflicting things about the feasibility of it. Audience member Paul Crossman said there was a rodent issue but once the fence was put up that was taken care of. He further stated that it was a success last year and the town didn't lose any money. He said it will go forward this year and will probably be bigger. They are looking to give the food pantry some lots free of charge. Jack Turcotte said a lot of work was done in the parking lot last fall. Chair Furtado said a local contractor is willing to put up some sand volleyball courts there and they could do some games and a possible tournament. Jack Turcotte said once you give it your blessing it needs to go to the council since they'll be digging up some land and putting sand down and so forth for this installation. The town insurance needs to be notified. Chair Furtado asked Jack Turcotte if Pierre did some work there with a machine previously. Jack Turcotte said it was work that was planned to be done anyway and they didn't create anything new.. The volleyball set up would be a facility but he doesn't see a problem with doing it.

XI. Adjournment

Mr. Huot made a motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Vice Chair Graves.

Minutes submitted by: Linda Mailhot, Secretary