

Sandown Recreation Commission Meeting  
March 7, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ron DuLong at 6:38 p.m. Members present were: Dawn Nicolaisen, Steve Brown, George Blaisdell, Ron DuLong, and Hans Nicolaisen, ex-officio member from the Board of Selectmen. Also present was Deb Brown, Recreation Director.

The minutes of the February 1, 2012 meeting were reviewed.  
A motion was made by Steve Brown to accept the minutes as written.  
Hans Nicolaisen seconded the motion.  
There was no further discussion.  
The motion was carried unanimously.

Ron DuLong reported that the emergency lighting in the cellar stairwell has been installed. Another light was installed at the bottom of the stairs, outside the storage area. Also leaks in the elbow on the potable well system were repaired. Tom Tombarello did the electrical work and Ron DuLong did the plumbing and rough-in for the electric (saving some money).

Ron DuLong asked whose terms will be up this April. After checking, Mrs. Brown reported that both Dawn Nicolaisen and Ron DuLong will be ending their terms.

Mr. DuLong had a meeting with Granite State Communications today. One of the representatives was from Granite State (a technician who handles this area). Another was a representative from Cocci (a subsidiary of Granite State) All of the town buildings were surveyed. The telephone company would like to switch the town to VOIP (voice-over IP). Mrs. Brown commented that she knew there had been problems with alarm systems that had voice-over IP. A discussion ensued regarding copper vs. fiber lines. The recreation center currently has two copper alarm lines, and may have to add a third (fiber) line with the VOIP with the town's system (which is now called Centrix).

Mrs. Brown cautioned those involved in these discussions to remember previous problems where the telephone and alarm companies tended to blame each other (and it was usually the fault of the telephone company).

Mrs. Brown reported on the following programs:

The Valentine event for seniors was a success. The entertainment was lively, and a number of Fox Den residents were among the 35 in attendance.

The two-day vacation week event had about 33 in attendance. One of the programs was "Healing Touch Pottery." It is planned to have the instructor return for the summer program.

The magic show workshop had to be cancelled due to low registration.

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The archery program will be running at Sandown North on March 25, if notices can be handed out in time. It is hoped that an adult and children's class could be held on the same day.

The Seacoast Repertory Theater is sending over their group for our seniors on March 22.

The ballroom dancing is currently scheduled for 2 nights per week, but it will be cut back from 60 to 45 minutes, extended to 7 weeks from 6. All three classes will now take place on Sunday evening.

The line dance instructors are returning from Florida and would like to get started again.

The exercise class will also be started again.

The summer program employees have indicated an interest in returning this year (19 of 20). Next week Mrs. Brown will be meeting with the summer program directors in the next couple of weeks. It is possible there may only be one unfilled position.

The TYSL season begins May 5. There are only six weeks scheduled this year. Practice will be three nights per week, and games on Saturdays from May 1 to June 14 (assuming the field is ready).

Mrs. Brown requested in-put on the following active projects:

Skate park repairs: She has a quote from American Ramp Company for the Skatelite in the amount of \$1144 for 4 sheets. She also has another quote, to replace all of the plywood with 12 sheets of Skatelite. This quote was a total of \$2700, which included the contractor's labor. The budget includes replacement of 4 sheets minimum. It was decided to ask the Derry contractor to come back and go over his quote further.

Swing installation: Mrs. Brown asked for information on the work necessary to prepare the field before the swings are installed. After discussion it was decided that Mrs. Brown should talk to Wayne Britton about the (12") of wood chips required, and to Art Genualdo about installation of the equipment.

Sign Installation: The message board portion of the Miller Field sign is rotting from the inside out, where the letters are inserted. It is likely that the plywood and plastic tracks (or the entire message portion) will need to be replaced. The Commission will inspect the sign to decide if it should be repaired or replaced.

Mrs. Brown reported that she has heard nothing further from Tylor Beaulieu about his Eagle Scout project.

Mrs. Brown mentioned that last Saturday a wedding shower was held at the recreation building. The woman who rented the building later commented that the attendees were delighted with the building and are interested in renting in the future. A heating/cooling contractor also commented that the kitchen was 1<sup>st</sup> class.

Hans Nicolaisen asked about the financial status of facility rentals. Mrs. Brown stated that updates are done quarterly, and there will be one for the first meeting in April, covering the first quarter. She stated that about \$500 has been received for rentals so far this year.

Mrs. Brown stated that the Police Department has more activities planned for the building (boater safety, OHRV, the Community Outreach Program, and the drug awareness event). The Garden Club hosted an event in here Monday night – they meet the first Monday night of the month. The 60-plus Club has rescheduled for this week. Three of the four Saturdays in April are booked for events.

Hans Nicolaisen asked if there were any recreation projects that should be included in the Town Building Infrastructure Plan. Any proposed projects are \$15,000 or under. Several items were discussed, including handicap access to Miller Field. It was noted that a previous project offence repair at Miller Field had already been done and paid for out of money from the 2010 budget due to safety concerns.

Mr. DuLong stated that he had been reviewing deeds regarding a solution to lack of parking space at Miller Field. He could not find any easements involved in the deeds, but stated that it is necessary to finish researching the deed to be sure there is no easement attached. It was suggested that Mr. Nicolaisen contact Josh Manning, a surveyor in Danville.

Mr. DuLong accepted, with regret, Dawn Nicolaisen's decision not to continue as a member of the Recreation Commission. The Commission celebrated Mrs. Nicolaisen's service with a cake, and presented her with a plaque of recognition for her service from 2004 to 2012.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Veronica Utman  
Recording Secretary

