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The meeting was called to order by Chairman George Blaisdell at 6:40 p.m. Members present were: Hans Nicolaisen, Terry Treanor, ex-officio member from the Board of Selectmen, John Donahue, George Blaisdell, and Veronica Utman. Also present was Deb Brown, Recreation Director.

The December 9, 2014, minutes were reviewed.

Hans Nicolaisen made a motion to accept the minutes, as written.

Terry Treanor seconded the motion.

There was no discussion.

The vote to accept the minutes was approved, with John Donahue abstaining.

Mrs. Brown presented an official letter of resignation from Mike Donovan, due to his work schedule.

Hans Nicolaisen made a motion to accept, with deep regret, the resignation.

George Blaisdell seconded the motion.

There was no further discussion.

The motion passed, unanimously.

Mrs. Brown reviewed the terms of Recreation Commission members: three will be ending in 2015. Those seats are currently filled by Hans Nicolaisen, John Donahue, and Veronica Utman. She requested any of those members who are interested in continuing as members send her a letter of interest.

Mrs. Brown noted that she had received a call from Pelmac that they had been getting a reading of low battery at the shed at the ballfield . A serviceman came out to change the battery.

Mrs. Brown reported on recreation programs:

- February school vacation
- Working on Archery return to activities.
- Program for seniors next week.
- St. Patrick's Day program

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44 Working on Introduction to Spanish for adults (instructor lives in Sandown)  
45 Paint parties for adults is being explored.  
46 Exercise class (Zumba, Yoga, or Pilates) – looking for instructor.  
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48 Bills presented for signature included:

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50 Feb. vacation – Amesbury Sports Park – field trip  
51 Ballroom dance sessions (24 couples).  
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53 Mrs. Brown reported that the new playground equipment has been installed, including  
54 additional wood chips. Also, the new flag pole has been installed; lighting will be  
55 added.  
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57 Mrs. Brown noted that at the Budget hearing, the Budget Committee decided to  
58 reduce their previously approved 4% to the standard 2% recommended for her salary  
59 increase. The Recreation Commission expressed their great disappointment with the  
60 action of the Budget Committee. She also noted that as of March 1, she has been with  
61 the Recreation Department for 10 years.  
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63 Mr. Nicolaisen noted that Bill Geary had expressed an interest in using the recreation  
64 building for a Wounded Warrior Project fund-raiser. Mrs. Brown has spoken with him  
65 and they have exchanged information. She suggested that he send a letter to the  
66 Commission outlining his plans.  
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68 John Donahue reported that he and Todd Morey had visited the potential baseball  
69 area last weekend, taking measurements. They felt that there was enough space  
70 available to put in a Babe Ruth Field (but that it would consume a large part of the  
71 parking lot). The next step would be a topical survey; then the engineer could take the  
72 survey and draft the baseball field. Mr. Morey had a lot of recommendations,  
73 including:  
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75 He did not recommend hydroseeding because it would take 3 years to use the  
76 field.  
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78 If sod is used, it would still take a year before it could be used.

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83 He also suggested doing the whole project at one time (while all the equipment  
84 and workers are here).  
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86 Mrs. Brown noted that the Commission does not want to give up the ability to have a  
87 regulation-size field out there – it is not just soccer out there – it could be anything for  
88 the future....lacrosse, football, baseball... Mr. Donahue noted that Mr. Morey was  
89 talking about not interrupting any of the infield of the baseball field, and still have a  
90 regulation soccer-sized field. They felt that there is plenty of space. Mr. Blaisdell  
91 asked when we plan to meet again with the baseball people. Mrs. Brown said that she  
92 could have them come in for the next meeting.  
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94 The next meeting would normally be February 18, but if it is not possible to coordinate  
95 the meeting with the baseball people, it will be on March 4.  
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97 The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.  
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99 Respectfully submitted,  
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101 *Veronica Utman*  
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103 Veronica Utman  
104 Recording Secretary