

The meeting was called to order by Chairman George Blaisdell, at 7:15 p.m. Members present were: John Donahue, George Blaisdell, Veronica Utman, and Terry Treanor, ex-officio. Also present was Deb Brown, Parks and Recreation Director.

The minutes of the May 18, 2016, meeting were reviewed.

Mr. Treanor made a motion to accept the minutes.

Mr. Blaisdell seconded the motion.

There was no discussion.

The motion passed, with Mr. Donahue abstaining.

Mrs. Brown noted that the Town still does not have a maintenance person, and several repairs need to be done. The shed at Seeley Beach needs the window and vandal damage repaired; and the soccer field shed needs attention. She has met with Joe Bilo (from whom the sheds were purchased). He has provided an estimate of \$450 to repair both sheds which includes removing the window (replacing with plywood) and residing the front of the beach shed, and repairing the Garvey storage shed. He will provide all the materials. It was agreed to have Mr. Bilo do the repairs, if it could be done in the next two weeks – Mr. Bilo has advised that he would be available.

Mrs. Brown would like to have the Miller Field basketball court available for “pick-up” games. The court is not in good shape, including overgrown brush. She called Tim Roberts about painting lines on the court. He advised that to do an official size court with paint costs \$600. She explained to him that she only wanted minimal line marking (a key for the four posts) – he will call back. She also spoke to Mr. Genualdo about clearing the brush. He cannot do this until mid-July. She will ask CBC Services for a price on this.

Also, some of the overgrowth has been trimmed back from the driveway going to Miller Field and some of the deeper pot holes were filled in, but the lower parking lot is in serious need of attention.


The Garvey building doorways need to be scraped and painted (outside trim). Mrs. Brown stated that it could be done by a maintenance person, but it needs to be done soon and she would like to get an estimate to have this done.

The Seeley Beach railing still needs to be painted.

(Enter Gary Paradis at 7:30 p.m.)

Last week Chris (the mowing contractor from CBC) asked Mrs. Brown to look at Garvey Field and noted that about 4 feet of field has been lost since the first mowing. He estimates that a foot per year is lost unless it is cut back.

Mrs. Brown noted that Field Day was Saturday and T Ball was Sunday at Miller Field. However, as of today, the concession stand has not been cleaned out. Mr. Donhue said that he would see that it is done. She also noted that the debris is still behind the stand.



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Mrs. Brown received an e-mail from Tim Archer regarding fall baseball, asking if the fields would be maintained during the fall. This subject was discussed last year, and the consensus was that: the grass is mowed, fertilized, and irrigated by Recreation. If grooming is necessary, Baseball would need to pay for it.

Mrs. Brown also noted that she had requested a copy of the Baseball field schedule for the summer; because after Field Day there are other residents who want to use the town facilities. Matt Sheehan has been advising her of the games scheduled. He has recently requested that any infield work on the fields be discussed with a member of Sandown Baseball first, because Baseball invested a large amount of money and labor hours this spring to make sure the infield was properly prepared for play.

Mr. Donahue agreed that Baseball did pay for a pallet of Turface, and it required a lot of labor to mix it into the field. However, Recreation does pay for the grooming. Mrs. Brown mentioned that the Baseball board has been changing over the years, and believes that some of the “traditional” rules and routines have not been fully passed on. She noted that there is a Prime Butcher sign attached to the concession stand with screws (no building may be altered without permission), and bushes have been cut down without Recreation knowledge. These items will be included in a future meeting with the SBSA.

Mr. Donahue will talk to Baseball and take care of cleaning up the concession area, before Fall ball. If it is not done, there will be no Fall ball.

Mrs. Brown presented bills to be approved: (already covered in fees for activity)

Field trip yesterday - \$ 897  
 Toddler music class - \$ 150  
 T Shirts - \$1149  
 Joe Bilo – move shed - \$ 300

Upcoming summer program activities:

Field trip – “Launch”	\$2000	Carnival Week-Village Idiot	\$300
Field trip – Canobie	\$3250	Party – end of summer rec.	\$200
Field trip – Sand Lots	\$1050	Pizza party	\$450
Field trip - movie	\$1100	Cookout	\$350
Field trip - Wallace Sands	\$ 400	Cookout	\$275
Field trip – Water Country	\$3105	Grand Rental (tents)	\$300

Mrs. Brown introduced Jessica Scarlett to the Commission. She explained that the Recreation Commission is set up with a five-member board. There are currently only four. Recreation has three facilities: Seeley Beach, Miller Field, and the Garvey facility (building and fields). The Commission would very much like Ms. Scarlett to join the membership, and will forward a letter of recommendation to the Board of Selectmen.

Brian Chevalier advised Mrs. Brown this week that the AED pads had expired. The defibrillator had been inspected in February, but apparently the pads are not automatically part of the inspection. She has replaced the pads. Also, when the beach was opened, the new defibrillator had to be registered and inspected by the state (\$150).

Mrs. Brown noted that setting up the tents this year was particularly challenging due to high winds.

Mr. Donahue reported that there have been many favorable comments on Facebook regarding the summer program.

Mrs. Brown related that the Miller Field play area has had brush trimmed back around the cinder blocks. Beyond the blocks is a three foot drop, and the brush helped to create a protective fence. It may be necessary to consider a safety barrier.

It was noted that an abutter to Seeley Beach has posted "Private Property" signs. A review of the plot plan indicates that the signs are not on his property, but on the town's. It was also noted that Sandown residents have approached the beach, read the "Private Property" signs, and left. It was decided to bring this to the attention of the Board of Selectmen for action.

Mr. Blaisdell made a motion to go into Non-Public, RSA 91-A:3, II(d) Consideration of Sale or Lease of Real Property.

Mr. Treanor seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Treanor, yes; Mr. Donahue, yes; Ms. Utman, yes; and Mr. Blaisdell, yes.

The meeting went into non-public at 8:15 p.m.


After a vote to seal the minutes, the Commission came out of non-public at 9:12 p.m.

Mrs. Brown reported that Patchwork Farm would like to have their pony rides on Old Home Days at the end of the field. This can be roped off with yellow tape. The Commission agreed. Also, the Lion's Club did not like the area suggested for their dog show. This Commission does not want to hold this event on the soccer field, and said it could possibly move to the Police Dept. parking lot.

Mrs. Brown reported that she had no information about a basement water alarm from Tom Tombarello. Mr. Blaisdell asked if our plumber could get this information. Also, Mrs. Brown is also waiting for a wireless doorbell from Mr. Tombarello.

Mrs. Brown noted that the first week of the summer program is this week. There were 80 kids. There are adjustments being made, with new counselors and different pickup and drop-off at school.

Mrs. Brown explained that the school will be holding a summer program for 3 and 4-year-olds. This is held 3 or 4 mornings each week and starts next week, but Recreation can still use the gym. Recreation is there Monday and Tuesday mornings and at the beach in the afternoon. In case of rain, use of the gym is a backup plan for watching a movie.



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Mrs. Brown is working on a plan with Atkinson and Plaistow for a soccer program for special needs children. They met with the outfit who runs the program. They have also met with the school district special ed. director. She brought up several things to consider, and suggested they attend the leadership meeting. They are investigating this more fully before proceeding.

Ms. Utman made a motion to recommend to the Board of Selectmen the addition of Jessica Scarlett to the Recreation Commission for a 3-year term.

Mr. Blaisdell seconded the motion.

There was no discussion.

The motion passed, unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Blaisdell to go into non-public, RSA 91-A3, II(a) Employee Matter.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Donahue.

Roll call vote: Mr. Treanor, yes; Mr. Donahue, yes; Ms. Utman, yes; Mr. Blaisdell, yes.

The Commission went into non-public at 9:30 p.m.

After sealing the minutes, the Commission came out of non-public at 9:49 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 13, 2016.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Veronica Utman  
Recording Secretary