

Recreation Committee Minutes
March 16, 2006

Mr. Valentine, acting chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm.

Members Present: Ralph Valentine, Glen Yergeau, Earl Bartlett, Beth Lippold, Dennis Senibaldi (arrived at 7:45 pm), Lynn and Barry Goldman (arrived at 7:50 pm.) Also present: Recreation Coordinator Cheryl Haas. Residents present: Michael Hatem, Brian Carne.

Members Excused:

Members Absent:

Approval of Minutes

Earl Bartlett made a motion to accept the minutes of December 6, 2005; Barry Goldman seconded; the motion passed 4-0.

Dennis Senibaldi made a motion to accept the minutes of January 19, 2006; Barry Goldman seconded; the motion passed 5-0.

Beth Lippold made a motion to accept the minutes of February 19, 2006; Barry Goldman seconded; the motion passed 6-0.

Old Business

Easter Egg Hunt

Recreation Coordinator updated the Committee on the Easter Egg Hunt. All the supplies have come in and it was suggested to contact the Windham Presbyterian Church to see if they had anyone who could 'help out' the Easter Bunny.

Priority List

The Committee discussed the first four items on the Recreation priority list, now that the \$25,000 warrant article was passed on March 14, 2006. The first item is the beach sand/sifting. Mr. Senibaldi spoke with Mr. Barlow regarding this. The company is going to sift the sand the week of May 22, 2006 and then the new sand will be put down.

The second item on the list is the Rogers Field Irrigation. The Committee needs to contact some irrigation companies to get three quotes so when this is presented to the Board of Selectmen, all of the information is present.

The third item on the list is Wonderland Playground. Mrs. Haas will contact Steve Dibble for his quote on replacing the swings, etc. Mrs. Haas and Mr. Senibaldi met with Mr. Dibble about a month ago. The Committee also received a quote from Brandin Landscaping for \$750 for cleaning some of the brush, etc. on the playground. Mr. Senibaldi noted that the playground needs to be power washed, sanded, and stained.

The fourth item on the list is Nashua Rd. engineering. Mr. Valentine has spent a great deal of time doing some work on this. He will have specific information to be able to present to the Board of Selectmen.

Tokanel Field

Mr. Michael Hatem was present at the meeting to discuss Tokanel Field, now that the warrant article did not pass. Mr. Hatem told the Committee that the field is dangerous and he feels that the field should be closed, if it is not going to be fixed. Mr. Senibaldi would like to begin the process of coming up with a plan on fixing the field this year, rather than putting it off a year. Beth Lippold made a motion to take Tokanel Field out of use for planning purposes due to the safety issues, and to relocate the bleachers, to remove the back stop, player benches, and any fencing necessary; and to post any and all necessary signs regarding liability issues, and to form a Tokanel Field sub-committee to begin to work on this repairing of the field; Glen Yergeau seconded; the vote carried 7-0. Mr. Hatem will be sitting on the sub-committee.

New Business

Windham Soccer Association

The Windham Soccer Association's application for spring field use was reviewed. Mr. Senibaldi made a motion to approve the application, Beth Lippold seconded; the vote carried 7-0.

Recreation Committee Alternate Interview

Mr. Brian Carne, Windham resident, was present at the meeting. He is interested in being an alternate on the Recreation Committee until June, then applying to be a regular member. Mr. Carne has a great deal of experience with many topics, including technology. He has been involved in baseball, soccer, and other Town Committees. Beth Lippold made a motion to send a letter to the Windham Board of Selectmen recommending Mr. Carne, Glen Yergeau seconded; the vote carried 6-0-1 (Mr. Senibaldi abstained.)

March 6, 2006 Board of Selectmen Meeting

The Field and Facility use Policy is now posted and will possibly be adopted at the March 27, 2006 meeting. The Recreation Committee Rules are also posted and will possibly be adopted at the March 27, 2006 meeting.

There was no summary binder regarding the multi-use building given the Selectmen at the meeting, which was due on 12/1/05. The bathrooms at Griffin Park are supposed to be ready and open by 5/1/06.

Recreation's Room in the Multi-use Building

Mr. Valentine began discussion on the Recreation office area in the multi-use building. Once the weather gets a little warmer, some of the Committee members will clean that room and get some shelving.

Recreation Revolving Fund

Now that Mrs. Haas is beginning to offer programs, there is money in the account with the classification of Drama. Dennis Senibaldi made a motion to change the classification from Drama to Programs, Barry Goldman seconded; the vote carried 7-0.

Other

Mr. Senibaldi discussed how right now he would like Mr. Valentine to be acting Chairman of the Committee while he gets acclimated to his new role as Selectman. Mr. Senibaldi is not resigning as Chair, this is just a temporary change. Mr. Valentine agreed to this.

The Committee received a letter from Windham resident David Barlow. He is interested in having an ultimate frisbee pick-up game once a week at Nashua Rd. field. The Committee suggested that Mr. Barlow put information in the local papers about it and see what kind of response he gets. Mrs. Haas will forward the information to him.

Mr. Valentine had a question regarding an electric bill, and as treasurer will follow up with Dana Call on this issue.

Mr. Valentine received an email from Windham resident Monique Donovan regarding the recent denial of an application from St. Joseph's school in Salem. Mr. Valentine will be following up with her. It was the recommendation of the Committee to suggest she speak with Mr. Mark Cherbonneau from the Middle School, or to appeal to the Board of Selectmen.

Beth Lippold made a motion to adjourn at 10 pm; Barry Goldman seconded; the vote carried 7-0.

Respectfully Submitted:

Cheryl S. Haas