

APPROVED

Windham Recreation Committee Meeting – April 14, 2014
Community Development Department, 4 North Lowell Rd, Windham NH

Members Present:

Chris O'Neil, Fred Connarn, Mark Lucas (via phone).

Also present was Recreation Coordinator Cheryl Haas and Selectmen's Liaison Joel Desilets.

Members Excused:

Dennis Senibaldi, Bruce Breton (Selectmen's Liaison.)

Chris O'Neil called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm. He noted that Mark Lucas would be on the telephone during the meeting.

Minutes:

The Recreation Committee Minutes of 3/20/14 were tabled until the May meeting.

Recreation Coordinator Updates:

Ms. Haas reported that the Daddy Daughter Dances on March 23, 2014 and March 28, 2014 went well. The dates are set for 2015.

Ms. Haas noted that the Easter Egg Hunt on April 12, 2014 was a success. There were over 4,500 eggs. The Boy Scouts and Coco Early and Associates were on hand to help. The candy was donated by Coco, Early, and Associates.

The Town fields are not open yet. Boyden's Landscaping will be starting work this week on the fields.

Ms. Haas noted that she has spoken with Jack McCartney, Highway Agent about speed bumps at Griffin Park. She will follow up with him on an estimated date of completion. She will also follow up with him on regrading Estey's Ed (which leads into Wonderland Playground.)

Old Business:

The Scout Camporee went well over the April 4-6, 2014 weekend. Ms. Haas reported that she did not receive any complaints, other than the very windy conditions. Mr. O'Neil attended the event and was pleased to see the event did not impede residents who wanted to enjoy Griffin Park. He would like to see a follow-up with Boy Scouts before the next Camporee. Fred Connarn attended the event that morning with his children and they enjoyed the fire truck. Selectmen Joel Desilets attended and was a judge for the cooking contest. His only concern was that the cannon went off two times, not once as approved by the Board of Selectmen. Mark Lucas noted that he camped at Griffin on April 5, 2014 and the event was great. The Scouts cleaned up the tot lot and the park the next day.

Invoices – there were no invoices at this time.

Special Project Prioritization

Mr. O’Neil noted that the Committee (Fred Connarn, Mark Lucas, and Chris O’Neil) conducted site walks on April 9, 2014 to Wonderland, Tokanel tennis court, and Nashua Rd tennis courts. After a lengthy discussion, the Committee felt that Wonderland was in really good condition, but the Nashua Rd Tennis courts were not. For Wonderland, they felt that it really only needs some normal maintenance – sand, seal, etc. There was discussion on whether to paint it or seal it. They Committee felt that this was low on the priority list. Fred Connarn made a motion, seconded by Mark Lucas, to have Town Staff put together a bid for repairs for the Nashua Rd Tennis courts; the vote carried 3-0. Chris O’Neil will reach out to the Windham Endowment.

Former Skate Park Area

The Board of Selectmen will be meeting on April 21, 2014 at the Town Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend and give input. Ms. Haas listed the ideas that she has been receiving since the publicity of the meeting went out: volleyball, splash pad, Dog Park, bandstand. Mr. Desilets noted that he is going to recommend a Steering Committee be formed.

New Business:

Master Plan Steering Committee:

Ms. Haas noted that the Planning Board has decided not to have a Steering Committee for Phase I of the Master Plan. However, they are encouraging residents and Committee members to attend the first meeting on April 30, 2014.

Spruce Pond: Chris O’Neil noted that he would like to discuss what to do next with Spruce Pond, but at a meeting that Dennis Senibaldi will be in at.

Hunting/Gage Site Walk

Ms. Haas will contact Wayne Morris to set up a site walk for the Committee, prior to the May meeting.

Other:

Ms. Haas noted that she is looking for experienced lifeguards to work at the beach this summer. Ms. Haas will also follow up with the CYR Lumber donation of a tree.

Fred Connarn made a motion to adjourn at 8:10 pm, seconded by Mark Lucas, the vote carried 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted:

Cheryl Haas
Recreation Coordinator