

**Minutes For
SOMERS RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
2, June, 2008 7:30PM
Kibbe Fuller Community Center**

Present: Troy Montagne, JJ Wasmuth, Colleen Maniscalco, Karen McGuane

Excused: Alicia Albert, Karen Murdoch

Non-Members Present: Jen Charette, Mike Provencher

- I. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order 7:50 pm
- II. Minutes of last meeting: Minutes of May 5, 2008 meeting were accepted.
- III. Audience: Bob Cafarelli, Town Engineer
- IV. Old Business: Bob Cafarelli gave the results of a preliminary survey of town property behind the soccer fields on Field Road. He noted that a survey needs to be done by a registered surveyor to set the true pins/property lines of the parcel. Results of Cafarelli's survey demonstrated adequate space for a new field, involving a shift of the existing two fields southward toward the parking lot. There is an estimated 70,645 CY of gravel which could be harvested from the site. A proposal will be made to the board of selectmen to contact several contractors for removal of the trees, stumps, and gravel in exchange for a ready to play athletic field with irrigation and drainage systems. Mike Provencher suggested that the commission approach the NETTS company to see if they would be willing to donate or lease their land which lies adjacent to the proposed field location which would allow for parking and perhaps a second field.

A recommendation by the Skateboard Park Ad Hoc committee was made for the commission to consider placement of the new park in the existing basketball courts on Field Road, and fixing up the old skateboard park location for basketball courts. The commission considered this suggestion, but the majority decided that the basketball courts are highly utilized and an existing leech field adjacent to the basketball courts prevents excavation of this site. Also, there is not enough parking for basketball participants at the old skateboard park location. The basketball courts already have existing lights, and there are not funds to add lights to the old skateboard park location. A motion was made by Karen McGuane and seconded by Troy Montagne and accepted to officially propose that the area adjacent to the volleyball courts (eastside) for the new skateboard park. Fill would be needed to level the area out to build a new park.

Mike Provencher gave a report on the condition of existing town fields. He will be re-seeding the Firehouse field once lacrosse season is finished.

JJ Wassmuth gave an update on her research of surveillance systems for the Field Road Park to deter vandalism. The cameras could be hooked directly into the town computers for surveillance, with an estimate of roughly \$3000 for the initial expense.

V. New Business: none

VI. Coordinator's Report/Parks Update: Another successful Bowers tournament was held on the previous weekend with approximately 3000 athletes participating.

Jen Charette reported that three more sign-up sessions for the summer programs will be held.

Mike Provencher reported that vandals stuck again at the Field Road Park. A tennis steel pole was snapped in half and needed to be replaced at a cost of about \$300.

VII. Correspondence: none

VIII. July Meeting Agenda:
Scope of work for new field proposal
Skateboard Park Update

IX. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 9:13pm

Respectfully Submitted By,

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Secretary, Recreation Commission