

**Minutes For
SOMERS RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING**

**August 4, 2008 7:30PM
Kibbe Fuller Community Center**

**Present: Karen Murdoch, Troy Montagne, Alicia Albert, Colleen Maniscalco,
Karen McGuane**

Excused: JJ Wassmuth

Non-Members Present: Mike Provencher

- I. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order 7:34 pm**
- II. Minutes of last meeting: Minutes of July 7, 2008 meeting not available**
- III. Audience: Mitch Nadeau, present to pledge his support of the proposed Skate Board Park and will offer his assistance as able.**
- IV. Bills/Purchases: deferred until next meeting**
- V. Reports:**
 - a. Park Projects: Members of committee walked the terrain of land behind the soccer fields on Field Road proposed for new field; commission is waiting for Dave Pinney to meet with the town engineer and the Parks department director to discuss steps needed to further progress this project; we will hold off on approaching NETTTS about donating land adjacent to the proposed site until the first selectman has met with the aforementioned persons.**

Mike Provencher reported that a town Eagle Scout, Tom Cowles, has chosen to construct a bridge across the ravine at the Somersville Playground to provide access from the Mill Pond to the playground as his Eagle Scout project. With the help of the Rotary Club to supply topsoil and seeding and raking of the area, the bridge has been built and is handicapped accessible. Mike Provencher has approached a local businessman about donating supplies for fencing or labor around the area.

- b. Skate Board Park Report: Karen Murdoch presented the proposal for the new skate board park at the Field Road**

location. The proposed location is adjacent to the basketball court and is fenced in but does not have lights. There was discussion regarding the need to form an association to qualify for state funding/grants. Also suggested was that the users of the park have a signed waiver and proof of insurance on file at the town hall; it was advised that the park users would have a swipe card for keyless entry into the locked skate board park.

A motion was made by Colleen Maniscalco to accept the proposal and to submit it to the town selectmen for consideration; the motion was seconded by Karen McGuane. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

VI. Old Business:

- a. **Programs:** deferred due to absence of Recreation Director
- b. **Camp Update:** deferred due to absence of Recreation Director
- c. **Skate Board Park :** See V. Karen Murdoch and Ann Piscattano will present the proposal to the town selectmen on August 5, 2008.
- d. **Update on Field Road Project:** Nothing new to report

VII. New Business: There was discussion by the group about the feasibility of charging private sports camps an application fee to cover costs to the town associated with field usage. This concept will be further discussed with Jen Charette at the September meeting.

VIII. Coordinator's Report: None submitted

IX. Other: Skate Board Ad Hoc Committee is considering selling refreshments at the Town Craft fair August 31, Labor Day Weekend to raise funds for the Skate Park construction.

X. Correspondence : none

XI. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 9:08 pm

XII. New Business: none

Respectfully Submitted By,

Colleen Maniscalco
Secretary, Recreation Commission