

Minutes For
SOMERS RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING

September 8, 2008

7:00pm

Somers Town Hall

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

Non-Members Present: Jen Charette

- I. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order 7:14 pm
- II. Minutes of last meeting: Minutes of August 4 meeting were read and accepted
- III. Recess to attend BOS meeting; Bob Cafarelli, town engineer, reviewed results of recreation field inspection, including rating system on turf conditions, drainage, fencing, and improvements made over several years; please refer to minutes of the BOS meeting for details; the Recreation Commission reconvened after attendance to hear the town engineer's report
- IV. Old Business: Meeting was held with the Skate Board Ad Hoc committee in August with David Pinney and Greg Simmons; Dave Pinney explained that since the Skate Board committee was a town appointed committee, it must remain under the jurisdiction of the town; any funds raised by the committee would be held in the general town fund and earmarked for the Skate Board Park. Town committees are tax exempt, and would be eligible for state and federal grants that are specific to athletic activities in the town. A fundraiser was held during the town craft fair during the Labor Day weekend, with about \$150 being raised; a second fundraiser is being considered for the near future combined with a skate board demonstration at the Four Town Fair parade; the decision to follow through with this suggestion will be made by 9/9/08.
- V. New Business: The BOS charged the commission during tonight's BOS meeting with the task to meet with the various sports associations to determine:
 1. Priorities for field improvements and what improvements are desired
 2. Acceptable level of fields desired for safe and enjoyable play
 3. develop level of use chart based on demand for service, number of participants, and specific sport needs
 4. research available grants for field development and improvements
 5. Liaison with School Board regarding field improvements needed at Mabelle Avery SchoolIn return, the Recreation Commission charged the BOS to come up with a 6 week timeline to get a preliminary report from the town engineer and the Director of Parks concerning potential revenue which could be gained from excavating the town property behind the Field Road soccer fields.

The commission decided that we would need to get information from the Recreation Director concerning the total number of teams, number of participants, history of usage to determine the amount of growth in recreation programs over a 5 or 10 year span. The sports association presidents will be invited to the next

recreation commission meeting to review the town engineer's field report and to gain insight as to the needs of each sport for field usage and improvements.

VI. Reports: No reports submitted by the Parks and Recreation departments

VII. Coordinator's Report: None submitted

VIII. Correspondence : none

IX. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 9:58 pm

Respectfully Submitted By,

Colleen Maniscalco
Secretary, Recreation Commission