

SOMERS RECREATION COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

July 7, 2009

Kibbe Fuller Community Center

Present: J.J. Wassmuth, Karen McGuane, Troy LaMontagne, Alicia Albert, Karen Murdoch, Anna Gagnon

Members Absent: Michelle Tingley

Non-Members present: Mike Provencher, Jennifer Charette, Dave Pinney

Audience: None

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 pm

II. Minutes of Last Meeting

The Minutes from June 1, 2009 were read and accepted with the following changes:

Audience- Jim McFeat's comment of "75 acres of grass" corrected to "75 acres of property (includes buildings and parking lots)

The school's mowers are repaired by an outside firm, not the town mowers.

Plan for maintenance corrected from "maintenance of Recreation fields" to "maintenance of school fields used for Recreation"

Old Business – the contractor will maintain the gravel portion of the park road throughout the project, not repair it at the end

III. Audience

None

IV. Coordinator's Report / Parks Report

Summer camps are going well. Enrollment numbers for summer camp are increasing. Some campers are not pre-registered. The water slide that was ordered is coming this week (first week of July). The remainder of summer camp is not full yet. Campers were at the high school one day of the previous week due to the threat of rain. So far there has been good feedback from parents about the summer camp. There was discussion about accident reports. Counselors fill out accident reports for anything requiring first aid. There needs to be better communication between the counselors and the parents regarding follow up to accidents. Jen will instruct the counselors to be more diligent in filling out accident and incident reports and following up with parents.

Swish camp was last week (end of June), Soccer camp and Small Fry camp started this week (first of July). Enrollment for sports camps are generally down from last year.

The new recreation flyer will go out the middle of August instead of the first of September. Flyers are to be distributed around town. Information is also posted on the town web site.

V. Parks Report

Grass is growing well on the Somersville fields. The rain has helped.

Gravel is now being processed from the gravel bank at Field Road Park. No gravel has been delivered yet. Topsoil has been recovered from the work area. The topsoil will be screened and stored at the park for use as needed.

A men's lacrosse league is using town fields as Pinney fields are unavailable. They are using both MBA and Firehouse fields. Jim McFeat is mowing MBA, Mike is mowing Firehouse and the players are doing their own painting. Money from the lacrosse league paid to the town has not yet been directed to Mike's budget.

Mike has done extra fertilizing on Firehouse and the all-purpose fields at the park.

The minor league field needs to have the infield redone. Either top dress or put in new turf. Little league has funds to put in turf. If turf is put in, it can be done in the fall, if top dressing is done, it needs to be started immediately.

VI. Old Business

Troy would like to get drawings of all of the property owned by the town. The request is to support possible field improvements/additions. Troy recommended the addition of a walking path from the student parking lot down the slope to the new field. Parking will be restricted at the park and cannot accommodate additional parents at games on the new field. The Recreation Commission needs to consider ways to accommodate additional parking at the park.

Skate Park – The Skate Park committee is selling drinks and popcorn at the Thursday night summer concert series in town.

VII. New Business

None

VIII. Correspondence

A letter was received from a couple from Ellington wishing to support the skate park effort.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Karen Murdoch
Secretary, Somers Recreation Commission