

# **SOMERS RECREATION COMMISSION**

Minutes – Special Meeting- Tuesday, September 12th, 2011

**6:30 PM** Kibbe Fuller Community Center

## **I. Call to Order – 6:35 pm**

## **II. Audience/Attendance:**

- a. Members – Lou Stetson, Karen Murdoch, Karen McGuane
- b. Non-Members – Jen Charette, Bruce Urbon, Todd Rolland, Monique and Jose Andrade, Mark Murdoch, Kevin Foye, Kelsey Charette, Andrew (Musco Lighting), Tom Hayowyk, and Paul Sabilia

## **III. Musco Lighting:**

- a. Andrew presented the functionality of Musco Lighting as a potential replacement for the lights currently at the tennis courts and softball fields at Field Rd. park.
- b. Todd Rolland has the pricing information. Specifically the price to install lights onto field 4 (baseball) would be approx. \$225,000.
- c. Fundraising options including grants are available to assist with the cost.
- d. Need to get an update from BoS on the potential for grant monies to assist with installing replacement and new lighting at Field Rd. – Jeff J. to reach out to Lisa Pellegrini for more information.

## **IV. Lacrosse / Soccer Update:**

- a. Initial issue was lacrosse gaining access to front field at Firehouse fields for “practice/games”. Tom Hayowyk reiterated that the front field was granted a permit by the Rec Dept. for the soccer fall season. Due to the number of soccer teams active during the fall the front Firehouse field will be unavailable for LAX.
- b. Bigger problem is the use of fields at MBA for the Rec Lacrosse organization. Apparently the LAX organization requested fields mowed at the MBA fields but it was not completed in time for their practices/games. The Rec Commission will request a meeting with Lisa Pellegrini and the SoS Dr. Maynard M. Suffredini, Jr. to see what can be done so that MBA fields are prepared according to the schedule provided by the LAX organization.
- c. Issues at MBA reported by Mark Murdoch and the town DPW include, (1) limited resources and (2) problems with school mowing equipment. LAX improved the fields by paying for seeding, fertilization, and aeration, however, this has resulted in faster growing periods (helped exponentially by this years wet weather) requiring an increase for mowing (see issues 1 and 2 above).

## **V. Town / DPW update**

- a. Working on replacing part time worker with permanent staff.
- b. Work continues on the “All purpose field” at Field Rd. park.
- c. Minors/Majors fields are closed in preparation for work to be done including removal of tennis courts and fencing behind town hall.
- d. Fence contractors needed to price out batting cages at Field Rd.
  - i. Haste in Agawam
  - ii. Ct. Valley Fence Co.

## **VI. Next Meeting – Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6:30 pm. at Kibbe Fuller.**