

SOMERS RECREATION COMMISSION

Minutes

October 6, 2014 7:00 PM

Location – Kibbe Fuller

I. Call to Order 7:14 PM

II. Attendees:

Members – Ned Lynch, Karen McGuane, Lou Stetson, Steve Woicik
Absent – Jeff Jablonski, Stephanie Gershowitz

Non-Members – Todd Rolland, Tim Larocca

III. Audience – Maria Splain, Anne Kirkpatrick

Maria Splain discussed the need for an after school program for the Middle School Students to provide tutoring, homework assistance as well as activities for this age group. She was looking for the Recreation Department to develop this program after not receiving positive feedback from the school. The discussion that followed centered around the many issues that would need to be addressed before a program like this could be considered. It was suggested that Maria contact the Town of Enfield to see how they started their program as well as the YMCA to see what type of programs they have.

Anne Kirkpatrick requested that the Recreation Commission review the Sunday morning sports policy or instate any rules that would prevent the sports associations from holding practices or games. She stated these activities are forcing parents to choose between religious services and/or religious classes and the sports activities. The Commission responded that Anne should reach out to the individual sports associations to discuss her concerns because the Commission does not control the scheduling of any association. It is up to the individual association to schedule their own games, practices & activities.

IV. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes - 9/9/14

This was tabled until the next meeting.

V. Recreation Coordinators Report

All field permits were approved. One request for building use submitted by a theater group was referred to the selectman's office for approval. Requests for school usage will be sent to the schools for approval. However, Tim Larocca will be contacting the sports associations to let them know to submit all their winter requests for gym usage ASAP.

VI. DPW Report

The report submitted by Todd Rolland was reviewed & discussed. Ninth District Road is now open for both north & south bound traffic. Although the majority of the work has been done, there will be continued construction to bring the project to completion. Partial lane closures & delays are to be expected.

VII. Opportunity to add agenda items - none

VII. Old Business – no discussion

VIII. New Business – none

X. Correspondence – None

XI: Next Meeting – Monday November 3, 2014 7:00PM

XII: Adjournment - 8:13 PM

****Please note****

Meeting minutes are not official until approved at a subsequent meeting

Recreation Coordinator Report
October 6, 2014

PERMITS –

Somers Little League
Somers Youth Softball
Somers Theater

UPCOMING FALL ACTIVITIES/PROGRAMS

Donny Marshall Basketball Clinic (10/12 5-9pm)
Kara Wolters Dream Big Basketball Clinic (11/14 5:30-8pm)
Men's Basketball Open Gym-October –June
Trick or Treat Event (Thursday October 30th 3:00pm-6:00pm at Town Hall)

ONGOING PROGRAM/UPDATES

The following exercise programs are held at Kibbe on an ongoing basis...all classes are walk in welcome.
Description and times are on website.

Tai Chi-	Fridays	10:30 -11:30am
Yoga-	Tuesday/Thursday	6:00 -7:00pm
Step Aerobics-	Tuesday/Fridays	8:30-9:15am
Zumba	Tuesday/Saturday	5:30pm / 9am

OVERNIGHT TRIPS:

Eastern Caribbean Escape Cruise- Jan 30-Feb 9, 2015 \$1249-1659 range (payment plan available).

MISCELLANEOUS

Item for review:

Anne Kirkpatrick
Moderator
Somers Congregational Church
860-508-7334

Anne wishes the Recreation Commission will review the Sunday morning sports policy.

Her claims are that some sports are hosting practices on Sunday morning, thus in turn requiring parents to keep their children out of the Sunday morning church service and/or religious classes.

She would like the Commission to review or instate any rules that would allow for some cooperation between the services of the church and those of the sports associations.

Contact Somers Recreation, 860-763-4379 for info/registration

Bruce Urbon (Parks Forman) contact information: (860)763-8234 – Office, parks@somersct.gov

Update:

1. Field Road Park:

- a. Sprinkler head replacements continues
- b. Dug-out repairs and improvements are continuing
- c. Grass is establishing well at field five, and along the banks of the new parking lot,
- d. After aeration and fertilization, new field eight is showing considerable improvement.

2. High School gate:

High School gate is now closed and locked.

3. Intersection improvements Ninth District Road / Main Street:

Construction is nearly complete. The remaining bridgework, guiderail and pavement markings are scheduled to be completed within the next two weeks.

4. Library Repairs:

The Parks department replaced the roof on the shed behind the Library. The Library irrigation system has been repaired.

5. Mill Pond:

Balusters were replaced on gazebo railing at Mill Pond and stone was added to the base of the playground gazebo to level the floor.

Vandalism Report:

The playground on the green behind Kibbe Fuller was vandalized with permanent marker. All four Tennis



Court benches at Field Rd were punctured.

Respectfully Submitted,

Todd Rolland

Director of Public Works

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