



“Our mission is to enhance, promote and support quality recreation facilities and opportunities for all residents of the community.”

**MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2016**

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Chairman Stephen Bordua called the regular meeting of the Thompson Recreation Commission to order at 7:07 PM in Merrill Seney Room.

Members Present: Stephen Bordua, Albert Lafleur, Cynthia Antos, Thomas Jourdan and Cathy Thomas.

Members absent: Jeanne Dery, Robert Monahan and Sylvie Hanshaw.

Staff Present: Audrey Witkowski and Angela Hachey.

Secretary’s Report

1. Cynthia Antos moved and Thomas Jourdan seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the December 16, 2015 special subcommittee meeting as presented.

Steve Bordua—yes; Cathy Thomas—yes; Cindy Antos—yes; Al Lafleur—yes; Thomas Jourdan—yes.

The motion carried.

2. Correction to the minutes: Under announcements the date should read as January 27, 2016. Cathy Thomas moved and Cynthia Antos seconded to accept the minutes of the December 16, 2015 special meeting as corrected.

Steve Bordua—yes; Cathy Thomas—yes; Cindy Antos—yes; Al Lafleur—yes; Thomas Jourdan—yes.

The motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report

1. The General Fund Budget Report was reviewed.
 - a. The recreation payroll for part time employees will be reconsidered as a new aide will be needed.
2. The Miscellaneous Revolving Account Report was reviewed.
 - a. The Drama fund has a surplus because due to accumulation from recent years. They would like to use the surplus to put on a bigger production.
 - b. The ski program still has a good number of students despite Ellis Tech having to back out due to the state ban on field trips. The program switched from a coach bus to a school bus and allowed Ellis students to drive themselves to Thompson to catch the bus. The program is showing a surplus which will be used to pay for the buses and the drivers.
 - c. Community Day is showing a loss. Angela Hachey will look into a further breakdown of costs.

Correspondence

Director’s Report

1. Angela Hachey reviewed her report and answered questions.
 - a. The senior crafts have had low numbers. The February and March dates have been cancelled and will begin again in April with new craft ideas.
 - b. The Holiday Bon Fire had good attendance. The Commission discussed changing the date and location to try to boost numbers.
 - c. The Easter Egg Hunt will be March 19th this year.
 - d. Angela Hachey is working on a date for a “Meet and Greet” at the end of

February. The Commission suggested a Sunday afternoon.

Cathy Thomas moved and Cynthia Antos seconded the motion to move citizens comments to the next agenda item. All in favor. The motion carried.

Citizens' Comments

1. Phillip "Firewalker" Pollier, 110 Main St, requested permission from the Recreation Commission to use Duhamel Park to tell stories and do crafts with children. He plans to clean up some of the park and plant sunflowers along the backside of the property. The Commission requested that the sunflowers not obstruct the view or landscape of the park and that no permanent installments be put in.

a. Cathy Thomas moved and Al Lafleur seconded the motion to grant permission to Firewalker to plant sunflowers along the wall on the backside of the property of Duhamel's Pond for Spring/Summer of 2016.

Steve Bordua—abstain; Cathy Thomas—yes; Cindy Antos—yes; Al Lafleur—yes; Thomas Jourdan—yes.

The motion carried.

Old Business

1. Park Committee Report
 - a. Steve Bordua suggested the Commission put together a powerpoint of all the parks in Thompson to present to the Board of Selectmen. The powerpoint will suggest improvements to the parks and show what improvements have been made in the last five years since the last powerpoint presentation.

2. The Recreation Commission would at least like to limit no smoking during Recreation Commission sponsored events and make it a park policy.

a. Cathy Thomas moved and Cynthia Antos seconded that Angela Hachey draft a policy for no smoking during Recreation Commission sponsored events.

Steve Bordua—yes; Cathy Thomas—yes; Cindy Antos—yes; Al Lafleur—yes; Thomas Jourdan—yes.

The motion carried.

New Business

1. The current aide to the Recreation Director is accepting a new position and therefore leaves her current position open. An advertisement for a new aide to the Recreation Director cannot be sent until the current aide has been appointed to her new position. The commission agreed it could be advertised as an anticipated vacancy.

a. Cathy Thomas moved and Cynthia Antos seconded the motion that Angela Hachey draft a job description ad for the aide to the Recreation Director by 2pm Thursday to submit by Friday.

Steve Bordua—yes; Cathy Thomas—yes; Cindy Antos—yes; Al Lafleur—yes; Thomas Jourdan—yes.

The motion carried.

2. The Commission discussed the Thompson Recreation Proposed Budget 2016-2017.

- a. The line item for recreation payroll part time will be increased to 19,800 with a 3% increase.
- b. The line item for meetings, fees, trainings, etc. has been increased due to the new Recreation Director. It was then increased again to 600.
- c. With a surplus and an increase, the summer concerts program plans to put on 5 shows instead of 4.
- d. Thompson youth soccer fall/spring will not be increased and will remain at 1,200.
- e. The Thompson Senior Citizen Grant is not getting an increase, the numbers just

haven't been updated in recent years.

f. Cathy Thomas moved and Al Lafleur seconded the motion to submit the Recreation budget of \$88, 393 to the Board of Selectmen for consideration.

Steve Bordua—yes; Cathy Thomas—yes; Cindy Antos—yes; Al Lafleur—yes;
Thomas Jourdan—yes.

The motion carried.

3. Steve Bordua moved and Cynthia Antos seconded the motion to donate a \$100 gift certificate TEEG for their Have a Heart program.

Steve Bordua—yes; Cathy Thomas—yes; Cindy Antos—yes; Al Lafleur—yes;
Thomas Jourdan—yes.

The motion carried.

Announcements

1. The next special meeting will be held Wednesday, February 10, 2016 at 7 PM in the Merrill Seney Room at the Town Hall.

Adjournment

1. Chairman Bordua adjourned the meeting at 8:47 PM.

Audrey Witkowski
Recording Secretary