



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

**MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25, 2014**

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Vice-Chairman Cynthia Antos called the regular meeting of the Thompson Recreation Commission to order at 7:15 PM in the Merrill Seney Room at the Town Hall.

Members Present: Cynthia Antos, Thomas Jourdan, Al LaFleur, Cathy Thomas and Sylvie Hanshaw.

Members absent: Stephen Bordua, Jeanne Dery and Robert Monahan.

Staff Present: Audrey Witkowski and Renee Waldron.

Cathy Thomas moved and Thomas Jourdan seconded the motion to dispense with the order stated on the agenda and moved Citizens’ Comments to be first on the agenda. The motion carried.

Citizens’ Comments

Blue Skull Firewalker explained that he has been providing free children's programs for a number of years around town, specifically at Duhamel Pond. He had a verbal agreement with First Selectman Larry Groh to implement projects and improvements to the park at Duhamel Pond with the children, including planting memorial trees, rock pathways, a rock peace sign and a picnic table. Complaints have now been made about the uneven surface caused by the rock paths in the park and damage they cause to the lawn mowers. The rock pathways are being removed. The Recreation Commission visited Duhamel Pond to assess the complaints.

Cynthia Antos moved and Cathy Thomas seconded the motion to allow the picnic table, the rock peace sign and the memorial trees to remain in the park and to remove the rocks marking the pathways. The motion passed unanimously.

Al LaFleur moved and Cathy Thomas seconded the motion that any and all future improvements or projects Blue Skull Firewalker wishes to conduct much be presented to the Recreation Commission and a formal proposal submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

Secretary’s Report

1. **Correction to the minutes: Under Old Business 1. Park Committee Report part i. replace LeFleur with LaFleur. Al LaFleur moved and Sylvie Hanshaw seconded the motion to accept the minutes for the May 28, 2014 meeting as corrected.**

Cynthia Antos—yes; Thomas Jourdan—yes; Al LaFleur—yes; Cathy Thomas—Abstain; Sylvie Hanshaw—yes.

The motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report

1. The General Fund Budget Report: No update.
2. The Miscellaneous Revolving Account was reviewed.
 - a. The 950 account was reviewed and may be over;
 - i. **Cathy Thomas moved and Al LaFleur seconded the motion to authorize Renee Waldron to purchase supplies and equipment she deemed necessary encumbered from the 950 account. The motion passed.**

Correspondence: None

Director's Report

1. The summer camp began this week and has been successful so far. Attendance this week was decent and the staff training was effective. The commission is requesting fuel pricing in writing from the Board of Education.
2. Renee Waldron is looking for a new assistant to Darlene for the Fall.

Old Business

1. Park Committee Report—
 - a. The second Eagle Scout project has been approved by the Inland Wetlands Commission. The scout will be getting pricing and asking for donations for the fishing platform and bench.
 - b. A contractor visited the site of the footbridge at Riverside Park. The fence will not be made of wood to avoid a ladder effect.
 - c. Riverside Park—No update.
 - d. The fence at the River Mill Village Playground is being installed. The donated playground equipment has been assembled.
2. Members of the Recreation Commission plan to speak with Senator Don Williams in Hartford about Thompson Recreation's future use of Quaddick State Park.
3. Renee Waldron is waiting on prices for the ski program at Wachusett Mountain and Ski Ward.
4. Professional Days and Field Trips for Purely Rec—No update.

New Business

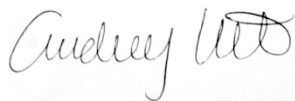
1. The proposed Wilsonville Boat Launch will not be going forward. The town was unable to purchase the proposed property.
2. Heritage Way Property—No update.

Announcements

1. The next regular meeting will be held Wednesday, July 23, 2014 at 7 PM in the Merrill Seney Room at the Town Hall.

Adjournment

1. Vice-Chairman Antos adjourned the meeting at 8:43 PM.



Audrey Witkowski
Recording Secretary