



Town of Weare Parks and Recreation

*Meeting Minute
January 10, 2012*

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: ~7:01PM

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Gene Propper, Chuck Metcalf, Valerie King, Melissa Drury, Randy Magoon, and Mike Housman (Coordinator)

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Kevin Bishop (John Stark LAX) spoke to the members to ask for clarification on the limited use of Bolton Field (per motion made at last month's meeting). He expressed concern that the concessions stand and scoreboard make Bolton's field invaluable to the LAX games. He noted that LAX games are only on Saturdays and Sundays beginning in April and running thru June 3rd. There are 8 LAX teams that will be using the field for games. He requested the committee reconsider the policy decision made at the December meeting.

Discussion with regard to the possibility of PARC purchasing loam to fill the bare spots, and having the areas hydro-seeded by LAX as soon as the season is over. It was noted that due to the nature of the games (football and LAX) there will always be bald spots.

Discussion regarding the possibility of assessing an annual field usage fee of \$500 to be charged to each sport organization with the funds being designated for field maintenance

Chuck made a motion to amend the Bolton Field use policy (see December minutes) to allow LAX to use Bolton (football) field for games only this year with the agreement that John Stark LAX will hydro-seed the bar spots as soon as the LAX season is over (early June). Motion seconded by Randy. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion carried.

- Guests in attendance included several that came to discuss the Farmer's Market. They were informed that this discussion will occur at the February meeting.
- Mary Beth of the 250th Celebration Committee came to discuss the possibility of organizing a penguin plunge event at Chase Park next year (possibly to coincide with the Fishing Derby).

Discussed the possibility of a rubber duckie race as a fundraising event in May or June. Concern expressed regarding safety (no safe area for bystanders) if the event took place along the river below Horace Lake. Committee members noted that PARC only manages Chase Park, not the lake or stream.

SNOWFLAKE FESTIVAL

- DJ all set. Mike will speak to Naomi to verify that our license to play music at this event is still valid and has not expired
- Snow is expected in the forecast, but probably not enough to help with the snow related events. Melissa will bring sleds just in case. Mike will pick-up the megaphone for us to use at the festival.
- Melissa has made flyers. Mike will help her post some. The sign at the old town hall goes up tomorrow. Chuck agreed to pick up the gift cards. There is a porta-potty already at the gazebo area.

Chuck made a motion to change the Snowflake Festival prizes for the snow sculpture event to \$25-\$15-\$10. Randy seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion carried.

MIKE'S REPORT

- Penny Savage, Wendy Stevens, and Nancy Filmore will be invited to next months meeting to discuss the Farmer's Markets.
- PARC received a field usage form from Gerry Morin for the middle school. Mike will invite him to the field usage meeting in March.
- The tennis nets are down and have been stored for the winter.
- The shade structure at Bolton needs to either come down or be secured. Mike will check it out.
- Mike will open the gate at Chase Park to allow access to those wanting to do some ice fishing. He will also look into getting a porta-potty at the park.
- To date, PARC has not received a field usage form for the Fishing Derby (scheduled for February 4th). Unclear who is organizing this event. Mike and Gene will look into this.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS

- Valerie will send 2011 Town Report to Merry.

Randy made a motion to accept the December minutes as written. Motion seconded by Chuck. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion carried.

Chuck made a motion to purchase 25 more roses from the State Nursery to be planted at Chase Park. Randy seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED: ~8:25PM