



Town of Weare Parks and Recreation

*Meeting Minutes for
March 14, 2007*

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:05pm

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Tom Reynolds, Joe Fiala, Valerie King, Chuck Metcalf, and Gene Propper.
Also in attendance: Kathy Robichaud and Jim Blouin.

SENIOR CITIZEN UPDATE (with Dot O'Neil):

- 1st meeting of the months was cancelled due to cold weather.
- General discussion regarding the budget (the Operating Budget did not pass) and its possible effects on the seniors.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

REVIEW OF MINUTES:

Tom moved to accept the minutes for the February 13th, 2007 meeting. Chuck seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

ELECTIONS/MEMBERSHIP:

Chair: Joe moved to nominated Tom Reynolds for Chairperson of the PARC. Chuck seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Vice-Chair: Joe moved to nominated Chuck Metcalf for Vice-Chairperson of the PARC. Gene seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Secretary: Chuck moved nominated Valerie King for Secretary of the PARC. Tom seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- Currently, there are 2 full and 3 alternate (1, 2, and 3 year terms) openings on the Committee. Doug Graves, George Bougher, and Jim Blouin have each expressed interest in joining PARC. Potential members will be asked to attend at least one PARC meeting before their name will be submitted to the Board of Selectmen (BOS). PARC will begin submitting names to new BOS after they have had their first meeting (scheduled for Monday). Consensus reached for PARC to submit and recommend Jim Blouin to BOS.

BOLTON FILED DEVELOPMENT:

- Discussion regarding the member's impressions on the 2 bids received for the Bolton Field project.

Joe moved to recommend that BOS award the contract for the design of the Mater Plan of Bolton Field to Geo Insight (with a bid of \$12,000). Tom seconded the motion. Vote of 4 in favor (Tom, Gene, Valerie and Joe) and 1 abstention (Chuck). Motion carried.

2007 BUDGET:

- Blue Sky in Henniker was recommended for repairing the irrigation system at Bolton (torn up during drainage repair).

- Suggestions made by Jim Blouin that concerts be cut in an effort to minimize potential budget shortfalls this year. In the past, not enough people have taken advantage of these concerts to offset their overall cost.
- General discussion regarding the need for the Directors job description to be revisited and finalize. Joe will speak to the BOS to set up another work session for this purpose.

Tom moved to freeze line item # 01-452020-110 of the budget ("Activities" line in the amount of \$2,500) at this time. Joe seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

Tom moved to limit spending of line item #01-452020-687 (the Senior Citizen activity line) to \$750 (1/2 of original allotment). Joe seconded the motion. The motion received 1 yes, 3 no and 1 abstention. Motion failed.

Chuck moved to freeze line item #01-452020-687 as of April 1, 2007. Tom seconded the motion. Gene abstained, all others approved. Motion carried.

Tom moved to freeze lint item #01-452020-151 (suspending the hiring of the Director's position). Motion seconded by Chuck.

Discussion: Joe suggested holding off on freezing this line item until we see if anyone responds to the advertisement.

Vote: Motion received 2 yes votes (Tom and Chuck) and 3 no votes (Gene, Joe and Valerie)

CHASE PARK:

- General discussion regarding creative work schedules of gate attendants in an effort to provide boat access in the early morning hours. For example, one gate attendant could be scheduled from 6am to 9am on days when fisherman are more likely to want to gain access at these earlier hours (i.e. Sat-Sun).
- Gene notified PARC members that the Winter Wanderers will be removing the porta-potties from Chase Park by March 22.

Chuck moved to lock the Chase Park gates once the porta-potties have been removed. Motion seconded by Valerie. The motion received 4 yes votes (Joe, Chuck, Valerie and Gene) and 1 No (Tom).

- Gene posted the "No ATV or Dirt Bikes" signs at the Park (however, Kathy informed the Committee that it is illegal for ATVs to go where it is not posted as a trail, therefore we do not need the area to be posted before requesting police intervention).
- Gene updated the committee on the dock repairs. This will be done within the next 3 weeks.
- Suggestion made that the roof of the changing room be checked and branches be trimmed.
- Decision made to postpone further discussion on when to open the part until next month.
- Valerie has agreed to look into the Milfoil and Invasive Species prevention grants at DES.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Chuck was told that a check in the amount of \$3,700 was received by the Town from the insurance company for the lights at the Tennis Courts. Chuck was told that this money was spent by the town for the removal of the lights, but since this appears to be an excessive amount to pay for removal, he requested that the Town provide a breakdown of this expense. Joe agreed to look into the matter further.
- Tom will ask Fred (Town Administrator) to post an RFP for the irrigation at Ineson.
- Valerie reminded the Committee that she would be unable to attend any meetings until after May 8th, 2007.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:17pm