



Town of Weare Parks and Recreation

Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2015

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:05PM

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Randy Magoon - Chair, Melissa Drury . Vice Chair, J'Amy Colburn, Karyn Stogner - Coordinator, Jim Leary - BOS, Holly Marden

PUBLIC COMMENT: **Nancy Taylor**

Mrs. Taylor shared her questions and concerns regarding the denial of the LWCF Tennis Court grant. She said the tennis courts were given as a gift and a gift should be taken care of. The tennis courts have been in disrepair for some time. Karyn recapped the LWCF grant process and that our project was one of 100 and not chosen. Mrs. Taylor wondered if a renovation might be more affordable than a replacement. Randy shared that we resurfaced the courts a few years back but the temporary fix did not last, and we have struggled to gain taxpayer support for maintenance of our parks. Mrs. Taylor wondered if there might be other resources, e.g. the American Tennis Association, and if as a community we might be able to find businesses or people to make donations. Randy welcomed her support and community involvement and suggested she help us rally support through a sub-committee focused solely on the tennis courts. J'Amy asked if too late to include in CIP proposal, or perhaps the Mildred Hall Fund. [Jim to get details/contacts for the Mildred Hall Fund for J'Amy to follow up.](#)

Kate L'Italien and Amie Lees

Ms. L'Italien spoke representing the Weare Playgroup, a town play group with 50 members, 12 active - they meet twice per week. In the winter months they meet at Christ Community Church, and in the summer months they meet at Bolton and Chase. She offered volunteer workers to help us with park cleaning and maintenance. Chase is a comfortable place for them to go; Bolton over the past few years is falling into disrepair. In the spring the trash was everywhere - trash is better now, but the weeds are overgrown and some playground equipment is broken and potentially unsafe, especially the merry go round. A pink playhouse that was donated by a person had been stolen. Sandbox could use fill. Playground area needs mulch. New equipment for toddlers. She recommended No Smoking signs to limit cigarette butts where toddlers can easily find them. Randy shared that we are considering curfew signs at our parks. She said the biggest need is for shade - the tarps were broken and removed so no shade for the kids. Melissa mentioned "Shade Grant" that we applied for in the past but they would not grant to a town entity. Ms. L'Italien is eager to explore this. Randy again encouraged community involvement and a potential sub committee focused on park improvements and maintenance.

-Action Items in Blue Bold-

COORDINATOR'S REPORT/PARK UPDATES

- Water drawdown will begin 10/12, so Chase Park will require boats out by 10/10 and Chase cleanup will be 10/11.
- Karyn dropped of the order to replace the Skate Park sign (most letters are missing). **Blue Ribbon will repair outside fence at no charge within the next couple weeks.** Jim went to the Skate Park to fix the railing on the ramp but the entire railing was gone. **Will now need to buy the materials.**
- Keys could not be found for the Ineson or Purington concession stands. Karyn changed the padlock on Ineson but WAC hoping for a new door. The Purington Storage shed has giant holes in the roof - supplies all got soaked. WAC working to find helpers to fix it.
- Facility use forms
None.
- **9/19 8AM PARC members and volunteers will walk Bolton field to find safety hazards, including removal of the merry go round that was vandalized and replacing the broken bubble for Bolton playground.**
- **WAC drawing up plan for Bolton storage/concession stand. WAC will attend a PARC meeting to share plan.**
- Holly shared the controller for the scoreboard did not get tuned up due to lack of parts.
- **Weare Community News**
 - a. Karyn will cover S'More's Night and recent residents sharing need for more park maintenance/volunteerism for next article.
- **Senior Citizen Initiatives**
 - a. No discussion.
- **CIP/Budget**
 - a. Karyn and Melissa will attend the CIP meeting tomorrow to present our plan. Plan was to include Bolton parking improvements again, and a new bath house at Chase. Boat ramp estimates did not arrive in time. Randy shared his concern that there are other priorities more urgent than a new bath house (\$50,000 estimate), e.g. fixing beach erosion at Chase. The

Board talked through 3 options - 1. submit Bolton only, 2. Submit new bathhouse for \$50,000., or 3. submit renovation plan for boat ramp and to improve fixtures, roof and stalls in existing bathhouse for around the same dollars. The Board decided option 3 would be a more urgent need and better use of taxpayer money.

- b. Randy reviewed expenses. Approximately \$8,000. remains for activities and maintenance - Randy asked members to bring ideas to next meeting for most urgent maintenance/safety.
- **Holly shared research of pricing of other parks/communities for comparison. We will revisit in the budget meeting.**
- **Jeremy absent but will share advice/expertise he gathered on how waterways are handled to minimize impact to adjacent landowners.**
 - a.
- **Volunteer Efforts - THANK YOU!**
 - a. Bolton field vegetation getting out of control. **Jim contacted Pete Stockhaus for quote but someone else had already weed whacked. Weare Playgroup offered to help.**
 - b. Karyn reached out to John Stark teams/advocates and Varsity Boys Soccer offered to help with Bolton or Chase.
 - c. Working on Eagle Scout volunteers for new picnic tables, lifeguard chair - Noah Lanctot Eagle Scout project, other community service opportunities.
 - d. J'Amy asked **each Board member to work on recruiting one new Board member. Karyn to post in Community news. Jim has an interested party - updates from all at October meeting.**
- **Activities**
 - a. **S'More's/Games Night** at Chase Park Friday 9/11 7-8:30PM. **Holly got supplies at Sam's Club.** Jim has pallets for fire. Will be dark so sing along and easy activities planned. Will emphasize to parents to not leave children unattended. **Jim to call Fire Dept.**
 - b. **Need to begin planning for Skate Rink.** Tarp so old/torn that Skate Rink could not be used last year. Should we get a new tarp or create a natural berm to hold the ice? **Jim to call Tim Redmond for ideas.**

Melissa made a motion to approve August minutes. Jim second. All in favor.
None opposed.

MEETING ADJOURNED 9:57PM

-Minutes Recorded by JoAmy Colburn

Pending Action Items for future meetings:

- ☐ Jeremy will get quotes for 9 hole disc golf course for the town.
- ☐ Shawn Oestreich asked the rules for signage at Bolton. Would like to have removable sponsor signs to raise money. Naomi said would go to General Fund.
- ☐ Look at donation of an old laptop to track Chase Park attendance.
- ☐ Karyn reported Keith Lacasse and Tom Downing will attend future meeting regarding plans to build a concession by Bolton playground.
- ☐ Kevin Bishop suggested when Bolton buildings are repainted to use school colors vs. green. Football offered labor to paint if another group will donate paint. Estimate of 15 gallons/\$225.
- ☐ LWCF (Land and Water Conservation Fund) application for funding for Tennis Court repairs.
 - c. We did not receive the grant.
 - d. Consider a different project for future, e.g. Chase Park.
- ☐ Researching the Mildred Hall Fund, the Town Forestry Fund and the Southern NH Planning/ trust fund as other potential sources for funding.
- ☐ Recruit new members from the high school to the Cable committee to update technology/approach.