



Town of Weare Parks and Recreation

***Meeting Minute
February 14, 2012***

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: ~7:02PM

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Gene Propper, Jim Blouin, Chuck Metcalf, Valerie King, Melissa Drury, and Randy Magoon

PUBLIC COMMENT-FARMER'S MARKET FACILITY USE REQUESTS

- PARC has received requests from two different Farmers Market organizations for the use of the Gazebo area on Fridays for the upcoming season. WeAre1 Farmers Market requested Fridays from 1-7, and the Weare Farmers Market requested the area from 3-6:30PM
- Wendy Stevens (WeAre1 Farmers Market) and Penny Savage (Weare Farmers Market) represented each of the Farmers Markets and several members from each organization were also present.
- When asked if either group would consider holding their Farmers Market on a different day of the week, both indicated that Fridays were the only possible day as their vendors had other obligations to other Farmers Markets on other days of the week.
- When asked how the groups felt about sharing the space, Ms. Stevens indicated that her liability insurer had indicated they would take issue if the other market did not have liability insurance. It was pointed out by PARC that both markets would need to be insured before the town would allow them to use the space.
- There was some discussion regarding concerns that having both markets at the Gazebo area would result in increased traffic. WeAre1 Farmers Market currently has 12 vendors and expects 17-19 vendors by the start of the season. Weare Farmers Market currently has 9 members, but expects to grow to 17-19 by the start of the season. Both estimated approximately 200 visitors per week to their market. It was noted that the same visitors often attend both markets.
- When asked about the use of the Moody Pond market, the representatives from the Weare Farmers Market indicated that they would not be able to be a "true" farmer's market at that location.
- Both markets are non-profit, however, the Weare Farmers Market is still in the process of becoming a 501-C organization. They are working with the university to find an intern willing to be the markets manager, the website is under

development and they are working on their by-laws. PARC noted that for-profit organizations using PARC facilities would be required to pay a usage fee. Each organization will be required to show the town proof of their non-profit status.

- Ms. Stevens argued that her organization should take priority because they have historically held their market on Friday afternoons at this location.
- PARC members agreed that the space could be shared by both markets with the WeAre1 Farmer's Market maintaining their location along Route 114 and the Weare Farmers Market using the space in the area where the ice rink is currently located. This decision was based on consideration of the following 4 factors:
 1. Public Safety
 2. Available Space
 3. Adequate Parking
 4. Potential Damage to the Property
- PARC noted that if either party was not agreeable to this decision they were free to bring their request to the BOS for consideration.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS

- Son's of the American Legion have submitted a facility use form to host the Fishing Derby at Chase Park on February 18th from 6AM until 3PM. There is 12" of ice on the lake at this time.
- Discussion regarding the upcoming hiring for Chase Park. Need to get process started ASAP.
- Discussion regarding Bolton football field maintenance. Jim suggested that grass seed be mixed in with the loam in addition to being hydro seeded. If seed does not take adequately before the beginning of the football season, PARC will consider restricting the field to games only for football as well as LAX.
- Request will be made for Mike to take soil samples from all of the fields again this year. Goffstown ACE will test soil samples for free.
- Jim will contact the Fire Dept to see if they will spray water on the ice rink to smooth out the surface.

Chuck made a motion to accept the minutes as written for the January meeting. The motion was seconded by Chuck. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion Carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED: ~8:20PM