

## ***Recreation Commission meeting Wednesday, September 15, 2010***

Tana Babbitt in attendance  
Robert Benton in attendance  
Jennifer Gallagher in attendance  
Erin Gianni in attendance  
Charlie Hammond in attendance  
Elizabeth Nikiciuk, Chair in attendance  
Bill O'Neill not in attendance

Jennifer Hruniak, Director in attendance  
Anne Daley in attendance

### **Meeting commenced at 7:05PM**

#### **Review and Vote on July Minutes**

The meeting minutes of August 23, 2010 were reviewed. Jen G motioned to accept, Bob seconded, all in favor, August minutes accepted.

#### **Old Business**

Red Sox Alumni softball game September 11<sup>th</sup> was a success. There is a Friday wrap up meeting with East Coast Management. They will address all issues including complaints the Recreation Department received regarding phone calls/donation requests.

Jen H handed out summer camp program revenues, numbers are not final. Program was successful due to deduction of staffing and a new financial aid program. The creation of an excel spreadsheet has proved very successful in evaluating programs.

The pool is more difficult to track due to the fact money comes from multiple sources, including revolving fund and 2 fiscal budgets. Chlorine money was saved this year due to a new contract and close monitoring.

#### **Fall Programs**

Jen H. passed out the fall program flyer. We created an email database that currently has 135 families who will receive automatic notification of upcoming events. We will continue adding email addresses as fall program registration comes in.

Anne is working with August Gangi on a youth Lacrosse program for K - 2.

Mike Bullman wants to run a strength and conditioning program at the Middle school. Volleyball, and March Madness will also be at the Middle School.

### **CPA Update**

CPA meeting rescheduled due to Rosh Hashanah. Update next meeting.

### **Five Year Plan Update**

Elizabeth stated Stephanie Danielson wants to revamp the 5 year plan. Elizabeth handed out corrections to parts of the present 5 year plan that pertain to recreation. She asked that everyone look it over, and send their and comments by beginning of the following week. Elizabeth said that there has been significant progress in areas of recreation in the five year plan.

### **New Business**

Erin began discussion of Recreation having a Facebook page. There is already a town page. We like the idea of posting photos from our programs, and messages.

Jen H. brought up Frothingham Hall Steering committee next meet Friday at 10:30AM, Anne will attend. Jen H. brought up the Activate Easton Committee – looking for a recreation representative since Jen will no longer be part of Easton Recreation. This will include the Safe Route to School initiative for walkers. FL Olmsted School was chosen to receive \$350,000 funding for a walking trail, improving the Middle School parking lot, and a safe route from Western Ave to Lothrop St. They would also like to sponsor a Healthy Lunch Recipe Contest.

Elizabeth reminded the Commission of a meeting September 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30PM in the Selectmen's office. She will try to change the meeting because of scheduling conflicts.

Bob brought up that people are frustrated that fields are not being developed for the needs of the community. Feels we've lost momentum. Jen G responded that recreation and CPA is looking for land opportunities. Parcels we have seen are several acres, but a smaller percentage of the land is usable for field space, this due largely in part to Easton's wetlands. Perhaps we need to advertise to the townspeople that we have looked at properties, and the reasons the parcels are not appropriate.

This was Jen Hruniak's last meeting. Her work in the Recreation department is very much appreciated.

Erin motioned to adjourn, Charlie seconded, all in favor.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:32PM**

**Next Meeting Monday, October 18, 2010**

### **Approval of Minutes**

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Elizabeth Nikiciuk, Chair

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Tana Babbitt