

## ***Recreation Commission meeting Tuesday, November 24, 2009***

Tana Babbitt in attendance  
Robert Benton not in attendance  
Len Cidado in attendance  
Jennifer Gallagher not in attendance  
Charlie Hammond not in attendance  
Mike McDonald, Chairman in attendance  
Elizabeth Nikiciuk in attendance

Jennifer Hruniak, Director in attendance

### **Meeting commenced at 7:03PM**

#### **Review and Vote on October Minutes**

The meeting minutes of October 27, 2009 were reviewed. Len motioned to accept, Tana seconded, all in favor, October minutes accepted.

#### **Old Business**

Jen reported that Eagle Scout candidate, Jimmy Pires will present the improvements he made at Torie's Place Park as part of his Eagle Scout project, to the Snelgrove family on November 29<sup>th</sup> at 2PM.

Jen contacted Joe Povoas about the status of his CPA application for Povoas Park. Joe is in California for the winter but plans to submit the application before the December deadline.

Jen spoke with Jim VonEuw to confirm the new stadium is unlocked and open to the public. The main gate remains locked so that no one is able drive on the field, but two other entrances are open for use.

Jen reported the Friends of Frothingham Hall will have their first meeting on December 8<sup>th</sup>. Members of the group include Sean Noonan, Karen Kent, Lisa Olsen, David Ames and Frank Spillane. She anticipates the move to Frothingham Hall will take place very soon. Minor repairs at the building are needed and will be done by the DPW. Elizabeth said the restrooms definitely need repair. Len may be able to line up a volunteer to help with any plumbing issues. Jen said the building also needs a thorough cleaning before moving in. Several Commission members are willing to help with cleaning. Jen will keep everyone posted on when this will take place.

Jen reminded the Commission to review the summary of the conflict of interest law for municipal employees and send acknowledgement of receipt to Town Clerk, Jeremy Gillis by December 28<sup>th</sup>. There is also a corresponding online training program that needs to be completed by April 2, 2010.

### **Road Race Update**

Jen distributed a draft of the road race sponsorship letter she would like to send to local businesses for support. The Commission gave their approval. She will draft a second letter to local supermarkets requesting donations of water, oranges, bagels and other refreshments for participants on race day. Elizabeth recommends getting these letters out as soon as possible to avoid competing with other organizations that will also be requesting sponsors in the near future.

### **Recreation Punch List**

Jen distributed an updated punch list for department projects, policies and programs. Povoas Park was added as a recreation project and target dates for several programs were changed. Jen explained that street hockey did not generate enough interest and was cancelled in the fall. Also, gym space was unavailable to run an after school K-1 instructional basketball program. She and Anne may try this as an outdoor program in the spring/summer. Len suggested applying for gym space at the Covenant Congregational Church if needed.

### **CPA Update**

Len reported that the CPC is feeling pressure to participate in the proposed Shovel Shop project by lending \$4 million to Beacon Communities Development. Mike stated that this is a large amount of money and asked if this would put funding for recreation at risk when a large parcel of land becomes available. Len said the CPC will need appraisals of the land before making a decision to support the Shovel Shop project. He feels certain the CPC will not cut off the possibility of funding a large recreation parcel when it becomes available.

### **New Business**

Jen distributed the department's winter programs flyer. Elizabeth said she saw a homework club advertised for grades 3-5. Jen will look into who offers this program. Once the department moves to Frothingham Hall she and Anne would like to offer an after school program there. They are looking into options for transporting children to Frothingham Hall at school dismissal.

Mike reminded the Commission that a vote will need to take place at the January meeting to appoint a new Commission Chair. His term will end in June 2010 and he does not plan to re-apply for another term. Therefore, he asked the other Commission members to consider replacing him as Chair.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:50PM**

**Next Meeting Tuesday, January 12, 2010**

**Approval of Minutes**

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Michael McDonald, Chairman

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Jennifer Hruniak, Recreation Director

