

## ***Recreation Commission meeting Tuesday, October 27, 2009***

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

Jennifer Hruniak, Director in attendance

### **Meeting commenced at 7:08PM**

#### **Review and Vote on September Minutes**

The meeting minutes of September 22, 2009 were reviewed. Len motioned to accept, Mike seconded, all in favor, September minutes accepted.

#### **Old Business**

Jen reported that the library will be moving out of Frothingham Hall in November and she anticipates that the Recreation and Council on Aging Departments will be moving in soon after. She and Del Kent have a meeting tomorrow with David Colton to discuss the move. Mike offered to help with the move if needed. Paperwork for the Friends of Frothingham Hall non-profit has been submitted to the state for approval. An initial meeting of the friends group will be scheduled soon. Also, the architect selection process for building renovations is underway by the Frothingham Hall Steering Committee.

Eagle Scout candidate, Jimmy Pires had planned to present the improvements he made at Torie's Place Park as part of his Eagle Scout project, to the Snelgrove family on October 18<sup>th</sup>. However, the event was cancelled due to rain. Jen will let the Commission know when it is rescheduled.

Jen and Jen G. have been researching ideas for a Recreation Department road race. Jen G. met with Oliver Ames cross country coach, Neil Levine. They both feel 5K would be a good distance and March would be a good month to hold the event. Jen G. suggests a St. Patrick's Day race on Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. Originally she thought Frothingham Park would be a good start and end location. However, Neil pointed out that this location does not provide adequate parking and suggested the high school or middle school instead. Jen H. has contacted Colonial Road Runners for possible assistance with registrations, timing and results. She is looking into what paperwork needs to be filed with the town. Other items that need to be addressed include securing sponsors, police details and volunteers. Neil

feels 50 volunteers would be needed and suggests recruiting help from the National Honor Society at Oliver Ames. Jen will draft a sponsorship request letter to send to local businesses.

### **CPA Update**

Len reported that he informed the CPC of the Povoas Park proposal. They welcome an application from Joe Povoas for CPA funding. Jen will contact Joe to find out the status of his application and offer assistance. The CPC also had a brief discussion about Friends Crossing. Further discussion was tabled until a future date.

### **New Business**

Jen asked for updated contact information from the Commission so that she can prepare an updated contact list and distribute it to the group.

Mike reported that he has found the new stadium at Oliver Ames High School locked on weekends. This is town property and should be available for use by taxpayers. Jen will look into this and report back. Jen G. reported problems at the Oliver Ames auditorium during her daughter's dance recital. The bathrooms were locked and no food was allowed in the cafeteria. Tana said there are similar problems with the bathrooms being locked during the adult volleyball program. Jen will keep a list of these issues so that they may be addressed by Superintendent, Mike Green if needed.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:46PM**

**Next Meeting Tuesday, November 24, 2009**

**Approval of Minutes**

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Michael McDonald, Chairman

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Jennifer Hruniak, Recreation Director