

## Durham Park and Recreation Meeting Minutes November 15, 2005

### Attendance:

Charlie Bray, Karen Kean, Sherry Hill, Diana Dahlman, Ann Figoras,  
Linda Handley, Kate McLaughlin.

Also present; Jim McLaughlin, First Selectman Elect

The meeting was called to order at 7:06pm by chairperson Karen Kean.

The minutes from October 18, 2005 were read by Karen Kean and accepted with the following changes: Charlie Brey corrected to Charlie Bray and there will be no candy at the Halloween Parade.

The Halloween Parade went well. Everyone seemed to have a good time. There were a few complaints that special prize ribbons were not awarded and the Town Times noted that they did not get a picture of the winner to put in the paper. Karen felt that the Halloween Parade could improve, stating that maybe the kids could be given some type of gift certificate. Kate would like to improve on decorating.

Sherry spoke with Ted Lombardo about Travel Basketball Team practices. He will find available gym time on a 2 week basis.

Youth basketball begins December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Sherry is a little short on coaches, but is still making phone calls.

Sherry discussed the possibility of doing a Town Recreation Needs Survey online. Bonnie not present to discuss.

Thoughts on Budget for 2006-07, Sherry will have an outline for the January meeting. She will also research playground expansion possibilities.

Sherry and Karen also discussed damage being done to the new picnic tables built by Dan Trusty and his Boy Scout Troop. They will research if there is a place to store them for the winter months.

Holiday Tree Lighting : The Tree Lighting will take place on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4pm. It is cosponsored by George Planeta and the Durham Recreation Committee. George Planeta is all set with the lights. Santa is checking his holiday schedule but should be able to make the event. The Strong School Band will provide music.

Winter coats will be collected again this year. Ann will call Sr. Anne at St. Vincent De Paul Place to inquire if they would like to receive them. Kate will purchase the hot chocolate, candy and other needed items, Ann will bring tables, baskets and garbage bags. Karen and Charlie will take care of making the hot chocolate and Diana will get munchkins.

Discussion then ensued regarding the Memorial Bench. Karen stated that she was still waiting to hear from Public Works and then went on to explain the situation to Jim McLaughlin.

Jim asked Sherry about the over 40 softball league and how to arrange for field time. Sherry explained the process of arranging time through District 13 and the issue of maintaining the fields.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 8:27pm by Karen Kean and seconded by Diana Dahlman.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ann Figoras

cc. Laura Francis, Town Clerk

These minutes, although submitted to the town, have not been approved by the recreation committee and may be amended prior to approval.