

SKATING POND COMMITTEE

7/19/2005 MEETING MINUTES

Attendees: Dave Monroe, chairman; Simone Howe, acting secretary

Meeting called to order by Dave Monroe @ 7:10 p.m. in the Durham Public Library.

Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed.

Dave Monroe reported the following:

On Monday 7/11/2005, Tim Larkin met with the Board of Selectmen, who approved our recommendations, and gave the Skating Pond Committee a Second Charge.

This charge includes 1) Contact the Conservation Commission and Public Works Department to discuss proposed repairs and solicit input regarding the proposed upgrades. 2) Make applications to the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency (IWWCA) for proposed repairs and improvements. 3) Generate firm monetary figures for berm repairs, water outlet/level control structure, lighting, and water pumping system. 5) Meet with risk control representative from Connecticut Interlocal Risk Management Agency (CIRMA) for recommendations regarding risk control measures. 6) Recommend to the Board of Selectman the best use of the \$50,000 Bond Commission Allocation.

Tim Larkin did present our proposal to the Conservation Commission on July 12, 2005. Our project was unanimously approved by the Commission.

Dave will speak to Kurt Bober of the Public Works Department about our plans before the next meeting. He will also find out how to contact CIRMA.

Dave has a copy of the formal application to be presented to the IWWCA on August 15th. Brian Curtis will help in filling out the application.

As far as expenses are concerned, Tommy Russell is going to give Dave an estimate of the cost of material and labor for the project. George Planeta will also present an estimate of the cost of electrical expenses to repair existing light poles and fixtures. Dave will speak to Brian Curtis about the cost of a weir. We talked about adding wooden benches and small shelters around the southern perimeter of the pond, as well as wooden steps covered with rubber to get down to the ice surface. Dave mentioned the possibility of installing a gazebo to provide a larger shelter. Simone will look into the cost of a ready-built gazebo.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30PM. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 2 at 7PM at the Durham Public Library. The public is invited to attend.

Respectfully submitted, Simone G. Howe, acting secretary.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

The next regular meeting of the Skating Pond Committee will be on July 5, 2005 @ 7:00 p.m. at the Durham Public Library. Town members are invited.

Respectfully submitted,
Simone Howe, acting secretary.