

DURHAM RECREATION MINUTES

WEDNESDAY APRIL 21, 2010

The Durham Recreation Committee met on Wednesday, April 21, 2010 at the Durham Town Hall.

Members present: Kate McLaughlin, Cheryl Salva, Pam Carey, Toby Bates, Mark Dionne, Alt. Karen Kean, and Recreation Director, Sherry Hill.

Members absent: Chris Manemeit, Mike Doyle, Anne Figoras, Alt. Brendan O'Connell.

Changes in meeting minutes for March 24th:

1. Alternate, Karen Kean should be listed as absent.
2. All members present at the February and March meetings were asked to sign a code of ethics. Toby Bates asked that the discussion regarding the code of ethics be added, specifically regarding conflicts of interest. While members of the committee may be hired by the Recreation Department or receive compensation to run programs through the Recreation Department, they should disqualify themselves from voting on a motion, "in matters involving a private financial interest or a personal interest. ".

The March 24th Meeting Minutes were approved with these changes.

Guest, **Randy Whitehouse**, was appointed as a volunteer Summer Concert Coordinator for the summer of 2010. Mr. Whitehouse will act as liaison between Recreation Department and local musicians. He will coordinate and schedule bands then return at our next meeting (May 19th) with a schedule of bands to be published and advertized.

The Easter Egg Hunt went well and all enjoyed the nice weather and we once again welcomed a large crowd. The Gift certificates to Dairy Serve and Subway were well received.

Sherry Hill has hired the Summer Supervisors for this years summer Playground and Little People Program. Summer interviews for Playground councilors will begin in the Month of May pending job openings. Committee members are welcome to help screen candidates. Sherry will set up dates for interviews.

Teen Night has been scheduled for Friday night July 2 at Camp Farnam from 6:00pm - 9:00pm. Registration forms are available on line, and at the Durham Town Hall. The Committee expressed concerned about the date on the long holiday week end.

Sherry Hill discussed the Durham Activity Center. If all goes well at the May 10th town meeting, the Activity Center will be in action. Sherry asked the committee to think of ideas for programs, and also possibly volunteering their time and talent at certain activities.

The Flag at Allyn Brook has not been maintained. The flag is in poor shape and not the proper size for the height of the pole. The height of the adjacent tree prevents the flag being raised, lowered and flown at half staff. The floodlight illuminating the flag has been out for some time. Bob Figoras has offered to act as custodian and maintain the flag at the park; however, Sherry has reported that the key mechanism on the pole is in need of repair. In light of these issues Toby Bates asked that the flag be taken down until the flag can be flown in compliance with the US Code. The Committee agreed that it should be taken down until these items are addressed. Sherry will let public works know about the flag.

Citizens Bank Checking has been closed with a remaining balance of \$ 87.04. A motion was passed to offer the money to Randy Whitehouse for the building of a large, portable, sandwich board to advertise summer concerts on the town green.

Next meeting Wednesday May 19th 2010 at the Durham Town Hall, 7:00pm

Submitted by Chairperson Kate McLaughlin and Recreation Director Sherry Hill