

**DURHAM RECREATION MINUTES
WEDNESDAY MAY 19TH 2010
DURHAM TOWN HALL 7:00PM**

Members present: Kate McLaughlin, Cheryl Salva, Pam Carey, Toby Bates, Ann Figoras, Alternate, Brendan O'Connell.
Recreation Director Sherry Hill.

Members absent: Chris Manemeit, Mike Doyle, Mark Dionne, and Alt. Karen Kean

The minutes from the April 21st meeting were accepted with no changes.

Summer Staff interviews will take place on Wednesday May 26th at the Durham Town Hall from 7:00pm-10:00pm. 25 applications were received and were reviewed at the meeting of Summer Playground Supervisors on May 17th. 13 applicants were selected to be interviewed on May 26th.

Positions to be filled: Two positions at 20 hours per week for 7 weeks and two positions at 12 hours per week for 7 weeks.

Teen Night at Camp Farnam will be held July 2nd from 6:00pm-9:00pm. Sherry Hill will e-mail a flyer to Strong School for all students and to Coginchaug for students entering tenth and eleventh grades. Committee members are encouraged to attend to help oversee the event. Committee members present were unable to commit to the date due to previous commitments.

The Durham Activity Center, in the Caroline Adams building on Main Street, has been approved. The one year lease is expected to begin in July 2010 at which time renovations will begin. The Recreation Committee will help with suggestions on equipment and programs for the start of October. The committee has plans to meet at the center on June 2nd at 7:00pm to get a feel for the space and its potential.

Mr. Randy Whitehouse, Summer Concert Coordinator, was unable to attend the meeting but forwarded a list of concert dates for the Summer Concerts series. Mr. Whitehouse was able to book local bands on five Wednesdays at 7:00 through out the summer. Concerts will be held on June 30, July 7, 14, 21, and 28. These bands have agreed to play at no cost. Mr. Whitehouse is looking into corporate sponsorship for next summer's concerts. The summer's first concert will be on Wednesday, June 23rd featuring, The Aquatudes (The Aquatudes will be paid \$100.00 from the concert budget.) Publicity for the concerts will consist of a news release in the Town Times and a new sign on the town green.

In an effort to increase attendance, a motion was passed to purchase a sign for to be used for publicity for the Durham Recreation Summer Concert Series. The sign will measure 24"x36" and will include 300 4" letters. The sign will be ordered from SignMart for the amount of 290.00.

The tree at Allyn Brook Park that is hindering the flag will be cut down. Sherry will meet with Public Works to have the tree scheduled to be cut. The lights at Allyn Brook Park under the pavilion and the floodlight illuminating the flag pole need to be fixed. Sherry will also meet with Public Works on this issue.

Sherry has had many requests from town and out of town residents looking to rent/reserve the space at Allyn Brook Park. Some points of discussion on the topic included: are we equipped to become a rental venue, the troublesome bathrooms, the ability to monitor alcohol use, the expectation of the group to exclusive use of the park. Sherry reminded us that, in 1991, Allen Brook Park Committee received grant monies to create a park for the use of all townspeople. Would renting/reserving the park prohibit the free access to the park by everyone? Cheryl Salva wanted to research how other towns handle the use of their parks for their town residents. Item was tabled till the June meeting.

Next Meeting to be held at the Durham Activity Center on June 2nd at 7:00pm.