

**DURHAM RECREATION COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

**March 18, 2009**

**The Durham Recreation Committee met on Wednesday, March 18th, 2009 at the Durham Town Hall.**

Members present: Liz Cipollina, Mark Dionne, Kate McLaughlin, Cheryl Salva, Anne Figoras, Chris Manemeit, Linda Handly.  
Sherry Hill, Recreation Director, was also present.

Members absent: Mike Doyle, Brendan O'Connell , Karen Kean (alternate).

Kate McLaughlin called the meeting to order @ 7:05 PM. The minutes were read and after a few minor corrections, approved.

Sherry Hill reported that things are going well with all winter Rec programs, and planning for Spring and Summer programs is complete. The flyer will go out soon. Summer track programs may be altered or delayed due to track and field conditions.

Alex Edwards, physical education teacher in District 13, contacted the committee and thanked us for our time and consideration. He has found a sponsor for his tennis and sports programs. The committee wishes him luck in the continuation of his very popular programs.

Karen Kean submitted a report and an estimate from Dalton Company for the repair of the Allyn Brook tennis courts. The committee accepted the report and as it is already established a line item in our proposed budget, we await our entire budget to be voted on and accepted at the next town Meeting in May. We thank Karen for her efforts in securing the information.

There will be two Teen Nights at Camp Farnam this summer on two Friday nights, 7/17 and 8/7, from 5:30 to 8:30. A small admission fee will be charged, but the actual amount of that fee will be tabled until after budget approval in May.

Liz Cipollina suggested that further discussion of a knitting program should be postponed until after the summer – people may be more interested in knitting in the Fall and Winter. The possibility of establishing the program in concert with a charitable project was also discussed. Discussion tabled until September's meeting.

Kate McLaughlin, Liz Cipollina, Karen Kean, and Sherry Hill attended a Board of Finance Budget Review Meeting on February 28<sup>th</sup>. It was decided that Summer Playground programs will stay the same (9AM – 12AM, Monday, Wednesday, Friday) and no fee will be charged. However, it is likely that a fee will be charged next year to offset costs, as suggested by the Board of Finance. Changes in days or hours will also be revisited next year.

A request to reconsider the use of courts for the Women's Basketball League was discussed. The letter urged that this program receive adequate consideration when assigning gym time next

winter. Sherry Hill stated that she will do her best to accommodate all programs, but all facilities are fully booked this year and scheduling can be tough.

Details of the Easter Egg Hunt on April 11<sup>th</sup> were discussed. This is one of our most popular events and is well attended. The committee will meet on April 8<sup>th</sup> to boil and dye the eggs for the hunt. The Easter bunny will make an appearance at Allyn Brook Park on the morning of the hunt.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth S. Cipollina  
Secretary