

Churchill Rink Advisory Committee
Wednesday November 18, 2009
Durham Public Works Department
Stone Quarry Drive, Durham, NH

Members present: Mike Lynch, Doug Bullen, and Andy Buckman, DPW. Eric Fisher, Cheryl Hoffman and Mark Lanoue. Mike Mullaney and Pam Appleton were unable to attend.

The meeting was called to order by Eric Fisher at 6:10 PM.

I. Approval of Agenda

Agenda approved.

II. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the meeting 10/14/09 were reviewed and approved.

III. Identification of Monthly Secretary

Cheryl Hoffman volunteered to record minutes for the current meeting.

IV. Public Comments

There were no public comments at this time.

V. Budget report

Mike Lynch provided a current statement of Revenues and Expenses and a report on open receivables. Andy reported that the rink has been quiet on the recent warm days, but this is typical early in the season. Family passes, concessions and pro-shop sales historically pick up after Thanksgiving.

VI. Rink Manager/Facility report

Andy Buckman and Doug Bullen reported on a recent ammonia leak which was called in by a neighboring resident. The issue was handled without damage or injury by the Durham Fire Department, with the help of the Seacoast Hazardous Material Team. A meeting has been set up to ensure that the fire department is familiar with the refrigeration system in the event that this should happen again.

Small improvement projects: Lighting has been installed around the new entrance and sign. The new scoreboard is installed and working. Sponsor sign panels will be added as completed.

The bleacher replacement, area wall extension and evaporator water treatment projects have been tabled to 2010.

All clients have renewed with the exception of the Riptides and York Youth Hockey. York High School, ORHS girls and ORYA figure skating are filling open slots.

Mike Mengers will be offering a Community Holiday Skate in December.

VII. Fundraising

Banner Update by Cheryl Hoffman. Durham It's Where You Live and SK Law have not renewed their banners. Mariner Realty, Lenk Orthodontics, Three Chimneys Inn, Dover Auto, Federal Savings Bank, Yates and TriState Sealing have committed to another year.

One piece of glass has been sold, and Andy reported that there have been people asking about glass purchases. Small panes cost about \$300. The larger pieces are \$450.

VIII. Roll and responsibilities of citizen committee members

Mike Lynch briefed the committee on the Town's recent focus on non-residents potentially sitting on town committees. This will be discussed at a later date when we review the structure, role and future of the rink committee.

IX. New Business

Review of Mike Mullaney's draft for the Annual report. All reported it looked good. Any comments or suggestions will be e-mailed to Mike.

Andy reported he's been asked to buy an ad in the York HS Booster program. We have done this in the past and voted to continue this as a marketing source and as support for a valued tenant.

Expansion potential for the rink was discussed. Eric will follow-up with Mike Mullaney regarding a community member who may have had an interest in donating steel.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Hoffman