

# **MINUTES OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

**Thursday, January 23, 2003**

**7:00 PM**

**Council Chambers-Durham Town Hall**

Kenneth Andersen, Jane Crooks, John Parry, and Frank Pilar attended.

- I. The meeting was opened at 7:00 pm. The Minutes of Nov. 21, 2002 were approved.
- II. There were no Public Comments.
- II. Discussion Items.
  1. We discussed possible uses of the unused "40 acres" at Wagon Hill Farm. This is the area opposite the main park area on the other side of Route 4. We would like to establish a nature trail(s). A Durham Boy Scout is interested in such a project as part of his effort to become an Eagle Scout. Several of us plan to visit the site on snowshoes on Saturday, February 1, 2003 at 10 am.
  2. We plan, in cooperation with the Conservation Commission, to reissue an updated version of the 1991 brochure \_Outdoor Recreation Sites, Public Areas Accessible to the Citizens of Durham.\_ This brochure was issued by the Conservation Commission and is itself an update of a 1981 version. Melanie Rose and Laurel Adams of the Conservation Commission are taking part in this project. KKA will arrange a meeting of interested parties for Tuesday, February 3 at 7:00.
  3. A letter expressing our support for the dredging of Mill Pond in order to reduce the vegetation, which is interfering with the recreational use of the pond, will be sent to Diane Freedman of the Mill Pond Task Force
- III. New Business
  1. The Durham Land Protection Working Group has started \_an initiative to preserve our scenic character and valued open lands.\_ They propose to finance this project with a bond issue. We intend to support their initiative, since open lands are necessary for many forms of recreation.
  2. A letter from the Committee will be sent to Judith Spang supporting the dredging of the Oyster River from Jackson\_s Landing to the Waste Water Treatment Plant. A deeper channel is in the interest of recreational boating.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth K. Andersen, Chairman