

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes of Thursday, March 18, 2004
7:00 PM
Durham Town Hall – Council Chambers

Attending: Committee members: Ken Andersen, Denny Byrne, Jane Crooks, Jerry Needell, John Parry, and Frank Pilar as well as Director of Public Works Mike Lynch and Jarrod Castoguy (Durham resident)

I. The Minutes of February 19, 2004 were approved.

II. Public Comments.

There were none.

III. Discussion Items

1. Jerry Needell, newly elected to the Town Council, was welcomed as our new member from the Council replacing Annmarie Harris. We thank Annmarie for her excellent service to our Committee.

2. We met with Mike Lynch, Director of Public Works, and discussed the replacement of the Woodridge Recreation Area playground and tennis courts and erection of bird houses at Wagon Hill Farm. Jarrod Castonquay passed out excellent maps of the site at the Woodridge Recreation Area. We thanked him for doing this volunteer work for the Committee.

Playground: A sub-committee of Denny Byrne, Jane Crooks and John Parry was formed to meet with Mike Lynch to select playground equipment vendors. We hope that the vendors selected will meet with us at our next meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 15. This open meeting will be publicized as required so that interested members of the community will attend.

Tennis courts: We approved unanimously that the tennis courts be dark green with a light green border. John Parry had investigated color choices with several tennis organizations; the green color combination was recommended.

Bird houses: We approved unanimously that the NH Audubon Society be allowed to erect bluebird bird houses at the Wagon Hill Farm at appropriate locations under the supervision of Mike Lynch. The bird houses are to be maintained by the NH Audubon Society.

3. John Parry reported on the trail mapping project. Tony Federer has almost finished the maps of various recreation sites in Durham. They should be published on the Town's web site shortly. There is a need for more extensive trail descriptions than those already on the web pages. This is a project for the future.

4. The Adopt-a-Trail proposal will be followed up on at a future meeting.

IV. New Business

John Parry distributed copies of A Guide to Municipal Recreation issued by the NH Office of State Planning in 1995. This information should help us in setting some goals for the future.

Dick Dewing and friends will host their annual Easter egg hunt on Saturday, April 3rd at 9 am at the Durham Town landing with a rain date of April 10th. We thank Dick and his friends for this contribution to the citizens of Durham.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth K .Andersen, chair