

Parks & Recreation Committee Minutes
Thursday, July 15, 2004
Durham Town Hall – Council Chambers
7:00 PM

Attending: Ken Andersen, George Lamb, Jerry Needell, and Frank Pilar

I. There were no Public Comments.

II. The minutes of June 24, 2004 were approved.

III. Discussion Items

1. Ken Andersen reported on the Eagle Scout Trail Project at Wagon Hill Farm. Doug Wilcox proposes to improve a trail on the little-used _40 acre_ section of Wagon Hill Farm. Copies of his Boy Scout Eagle Merit badge proposal were distributed. The Committee voted unanimously to support the project. Ken Andersen will work out the details with Todd Selig and Mike Lynch.

2. Frank Pilar reported on several visits made by him, Jane Crooks and Ken Andersen to the trail heads of recreation sites at Longmarsh Rd (both ends), Packers Falls, Wiswall Dam and Doe Farm. Other sites will be visited shortly by members of the Trails Policy subcommittee

3. Our Parks and Recreation budget request for next year was discussed. We will request money for bridges on Longmarsh Rd to cross areas flooded by beaver activity, for signs at recreation sites requesting that site users _Carry in, Carry Out_ their trash, and for printing costs for Town Outdoor Recreation Sites information.

4. The idea of having a non-resident fee for use of Wagon Hill Farm was discussed. Jerry Needell will inform the Town Council that we feel that the idea is not worth pursuing at this time. The committee felt that a fee would cause ill-will among non-residents and, in any event, is not financially viable. Further more, any action implementing a fee should await the day when Town residents have multi-use stickers for their cars applicable to other activities; e.g., dump use.

5. Plans need to be made at our August 19th Parks and Recreation Committee for a Durham Day booth.

V. New Business

George Lamb will take photos at some of the Town Outdoor Recreation Sites. These photos will be used to acquaint residents with these sites and for purposes relevant to our activities.

Kenneth K. Andersen, chair, Durham Parks and Recreation Committee