

**Parks & Recreation Committee Minutes**  
**Thursday, April 21, 2005**  
**Durham Town Hall – Council Chambers**  
**7:00 PM**

Attending: Ken Andersen, Denny Byrne, Jane Crooks, George Lamb, Neil Niman, John Parry, Frank Pilar

The meeting began at 1902 chaired by newly-elected Chair John Parry. Ken Andersen agreed to act as Vice-Chair in the absence of the Chair.

I. New P&R member Neil Niman from the Town Council was introduced and welcomed.

II. Chris (?), a UNH senior, spoke about the forthcoming construction of XC-ski trails. A grant application is being written for funding (ca. \$10,000). This is to be used to purchase trail-grooming equipment to be used in Kingman Farm, Doe Farm, College Woods, and Longmarsh Road, etc. It is hoped that the Town will also be involved in the program. A motion was made by Andersen and seconded by Crooks to send a letter of support directed to the ski team foundation to acquire the necessary funding. Approved unanimously. Jane Crooks announced that the mapping of the trails will be done by Sean McLaughlin, a UNH Graduate student.

III. It was agreed that future meetings will be held as before on the 3rd Thursday of each month.

IV. The minutes of the previous meeting of 17 March 2005 were approved unanimously.

V. Andersen reported on the benches that were to be placed at Old Town Landing at five different sites by Scout John Hochgraf et al.

VI. Jane Crooks indicated that a full report of town-owned properties will be presented to the Town Council. It was suggested that trails for both the town and UNH be marked similarly. The motion to accept the report was made by Andersen and seconded by Pilar. Council Representative Niman expressed a concern that the W. Arthur Grant Circle still has potential as a viable commercial property and should be regarded as such. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. Discussion of Chapter 5 (Recreation) of the Master Plan. It was recommended that we must first define recreational programs and services. Niman suggested an early discussion of recreation with the Town Council early next fall and a rewrite of the Recreational Master Plan. We also need a fundamental definition of just what constitutes recreation. Denny Byrne will discuss this issue at our next meeting.

IX. Denny Byrne announced that the Durham/UNH swimming pool will open the 3rd weekend of June unless it is permanently closed in the event that contaminants from Craig Supply are found

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2108.

Respectfully submitted,  
Frank L. Pilar, Secretary