

Parks & Recreation Committee Minutes
Friday, October 21, 2005
Durham Town Hall – Council Chambers
12:00 Noon

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

The meeting was called to order at 1201 by Chair Parry. There were no public comments.

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as recorded.

I. It was announced that the preproposal for the Jackson Landing area restoration would be delayed until next year. Neil Niman discussed the current status of a possible location of the town library and skateboard rink across from the ice skating rink. Chair Dwight Baldwin of the Conservation Commission has suggested an ad hoc committee with Parks and Recreation be established to consider the Jackson Landing situation. Niman suggested the committee include other interested parties and will contact Todd Selig about this.

II. Denny Byrne discussed the land that could be used for the establishment of additional playing fields. He opined that the gravel pit site was doable but expensive to develop. The Foss Farm site was also mentioned as a location of interest. A suggestion was made that Todd Selig be sent minutes of P&R meetings. George Lamb suggested polling Senior Citizens (e.g., those residing at Spruce Woods) about the town's recreational needs and referring them to what Senior Citizens of Newmarket now have available.

III. There were brief comments about the 2006 Budget Proposal. Reference was made to the Action Plan for 2005-2006 and it was mentioned that it was important to determine possible costs of all proposed actions.

IV. Jane Crooks reported on the present status of proposed work along Longmarsh Road and discussed plans for constructing wooden walkways to bypass the two beaver dams that now impede passage. A grant application for the necessary work is now in progress. It was mentioned that the walkways should be wide enough to allow wheelchair access.

There being no new business, the meeting was adjourned at 1317. The next meeting is scheduled for 1900 on Thursday, 17 November.