

**Durham Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting**  
**Minutes**  
**Thursday, February 16, 2006**

Attending: Denny Byrne, Jane Crooks, George Lamb, John Parry, Frank Pilar. David Proulx of UNH joined as visitor.

The meeting was called to order at 1905. There were no public comments.

The minutes of the January meeting were approved subject to the following corrections:

Item 1. The first sentence should have Master Plan changed to Old Mill Road Plan.

Item 3. The estimated cost for the construction of the boardwalk should be \$4000.

Item 12. The entire item should be corrected to read: Ken Andersen will follow up requesting the Public Works Dept. to delay mowing of Wagon Hill Farm until October or late autumn in order to protect bird nesting sites.

1. Chair Parry noted that both he and FLP will have their terms expire this spring. He also plans to ask the Town Council to approve an alternate position for the commission and to ask that Denny Byrne replace Melanie Rose. The latter suggestion was approved unanimously by the committee. As a separate suggestion, it was asked that the committee have an ORYA representative. Motion by Byrne and second by Crooks that one of the the 8 positions be from the OR Cooperative School District. Passed unanimously.

2. Chair Parry reported on a meeting with Todd Selig. The latter wants to be comfortable with any future grant applications and will be pleased to work with our commission in the future.

3. There was a brief discussion of the parking problem at Wiswall Dam.

4. Master Plan for Parks and Recreation. It is hoped that Durham could involve Lee and Madbury to some extent. Neil Niman plans to follow up on this with Lee and he will be asked by Chair Parry to also contact Madbury. George Lamb suggested that we carefully choose items to emphasize rather than covering the waterfront. The Master Plan should be broad but there should be a strategic plan that focusses on items that are a priority. One needs to know what the Townspeople want and, thus, apt to support. Chair Parry will check with Todd Selig to see if a strategic plan now exists.

5. Jackson's Landing Planning Committee Update. A summary was passed out detailing future plans. There will be a public meeting on 28 February at 7 p.m. in the Town Council chambers to discuss site planning for the town library. Two potential sites are across from the rink and an area east of the rink. A conceptual plan will be formulated at a future meeting and will be reported to the Town Council in June. It is hoped that all P&R members will be in attendance.

6. Denny Byrne reported that the Recreation Needs Survey needs to be updated. He will address UNH students concerning this issue. George Lamb reported that he has been in contact with the Dover Recreation Director and will meet with him tomorrow (17 February). It was suggested that P&R invite the Dover Director to meet with us to describe what they do.

7. Neil Niman is working on updating the current plans of the Durham Evangelical Church concerning disposition of their property along Route 108. Little specific response on this issue has been forthcoming from them.

8. Neil Niman will be back for the March meeting of P&R. He will contact a member of the Lee Recreation Committee regarding their cooperating with Durham P&R.

The meeting was adjourned at 2041.

Respectfully submitted

Frank L. Pilar, Secretary