

## **Parks and Recreation Committee Minutes May 17, 2007**

Present: John Parry, Jane Crooks, George Lamb, Ken Andersen, Cathy Leach, Emily Slama, Sara Wilson, Gregg Moore

Chair Parry called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

The April 19, 2007 meeting minutes were approved.

Public comment: None

Cynthia Belowski, chair of the Conservation Commission and a member of the Lamprey River Advisory Committee (LRAC), presented the Lamprey River Management Plan. The plan was first developed in 1995, and draft updates of the plan are on the [www.lampreyriver.org](http://www.lampreyriver.org) website. Cynthia and Chair John Parry encouraged all P & R members to review the updates and provide feedback. The section of the plan dealing with recreation indicated that the LRAC wants to partner with the town on improving non-motorized use of the river and developing passive recreation trails to the water's edge.

Cynthia also discussed the Adopt-A-Trail program, and asked that the P & R committee assume responsibility of this program for many of the town-owned properties. Parry encouraged members to look over the information regarding the program for discussion at the June meeting.

Recent Correspondence: Parry brought the Town Council goals list for 2007, which includes increasing recreational opportunities for Durham residents.

Parry also brought a letter from resident Frank Pilar asking about spraying for mosquito control. Mike Lynch indicated that DPW will do some spray this year, but it will be only in limited areas.

Committee Goals/Action Plan: the committee reviewed the goals for this year, and Parry asked that each member come to the next meeting with areas of involvement interests. There will be more discussion on the strategic plan at the June meeting.

Ongoing Project Updates:

- Cathy Leach reported briefly on the newly-formed Churchill Rink Advisory Committee, and there was discussion regarding P & R representation on that committee. Motion was passed to suggest a permanent spot for a P&R member on the Rink Committee. Cathy Leach could currently fill this role.
- Jane Crooks reported on the Longmarsh trail project, and has a meeting with Mike Lynch regarding the building/ordering of kiosks. Jane also mentioned a concern with the signs at Wagon Hill that are not as welcoming as they could be.

- Parry asked the committee to think about our involvement at Durham Day, not only for the P & R table, but also for any activities we might want to offer.
- Emily Slama suggested developing a brochure for residents outlining available recreational groups and opportunities.
- Parry reported on a meeting he had with Luke Vincent, the town's computer information specialist, regarding the P & R website including a recreational directory.
- Parry reported that the town survey was returned by approx. 800 households, and plans are to have the summary available at the July meeting, and then to be presented to the Town Council in August or September.
- Parry will present the committee's annual report to the Council on July 16.
- Election of officers: Motion was passed that the officers will be: John Parry, chair; Jane Crooks, vice chair; and Emily Slama, secretary.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.