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Durham Parks and Recreation Committee
Minutes – February 21, 2008

Members present: Vice Chair Jane Crooks, Ken Andersen, George Lamb, Gregg Moore, Town Council Rep. Cathy Leach. Guest: Jenna Roberts, ORPP

Members absent: John Parry, Sara Wilson, Emily Slama

The meeting was opened by Jane Crooks at 7:01.

The January, 2008 minutes were approved with minor amendments.

Vice Chair Crooks welcomed students from the UNH Recreation Management and Policy major, who were observing the meeting for a class assignment. They offered some insights and ideas on recreation programming.

I. Discussion of Parks & Recreation Survey:

The committee discussed the recent survey results and agreed that one of the priorities recommended was that more education and awareness needs to take place regarding recreational opportunities in Durham. There was also agreement that perhaps more partnerships could be explored (i.e. with ORYA, Mill Pond Center, UNH, ORPP, ARA, etc.). Also discussed was including key people from these organizations in future discussions regarding goals.

The group discussed building an audience and a need for recreational expansion. Cathy brought forward a possible plan from John Parry that includes using the survey to develop a strategic plan. The process could include: reviewing/discussing the survey results; brainstorming strategies/activities; consider how the results and needs of the community fit into the categories the committee formed as part of its goals; agree on future goals and focus of the committee.

Further discussion and concrete work was suspended until the full committee was present.

II. Jenna Roberts discussed planning that had taken place with Emily Slama and Sara Wilson regarding the annual Easter Egg Hunt. Gregg Moore asked about additional entertainment that might be available to make the event more community-oriented. The hunt will be held on Saturday, March 22 at 10:00 a.m. Rain date is scheduled for Saturday, March 29 in the afternoon.

III. Jane Crooks mentioned two items:

- Finding help on historical information of Longmarsh trail to be posted in the trail kiosk. Ken Andersen offered to help, and Jane will work with the Durham Historic Association to gather information.
- Wagon Hill: Jane would like to be sure the committee moves forward on a plan to use the funds available for Wagon Hill. George Lamb suggested that improvements be made to the entry and parking areas.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.