

Durham Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting
Minutes- Thursday May 15, 2008, Town Hall 7pm-9pm

Attended: Sara Wilson, Gregg Moore, Mike Sievert, Dave Leach, Emily Slama, Amy Cunningham, Jenna Roberts

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Introductions were made. Sara Wilson noted that the committee needed to vote on who would fill the positions of chairperson, vice chairperson, and secretary for the coming term.

Nominations followed:

Emily Slama nominated and Gregg Moore seconded, Sara Wilson for chairperson.

Gregg nominated and Sara seconded, Emily Slama for vice chairperson.

Jenna Roberts nominated and Gregg seconded, Amy Cunningham and Pat Houle as co-secretaries.

Votes were unanimous in favor of all. (Congratulations everyone!)

Motion by Jenna Roberts, second by Gregg Moore to accept the minutes from the April 17 meeting. Motion passed.

A brief background of P&R Committee background/history, vision, and goals was given for the new members. Discussion that followed included: What do we want the P&R Committee to be today? What will our contribution as a group be? The committee members agreed that a primary focus of this committee will be to work to develop more recreational opportunities for Durham citizens of all ages.

Discussion Items:

1. Wagon Hill – Sara and Jane Crooks have begun the process of looking into what it would take to make certain improvements. There are funds that were left to the town specifically for Wagon Hill. A Wagon Hill Improvements sub-committee was formed. Dave, Pat, Jenna, and Mike will be on the sub-committee.
2. How/where/and how often do we host events and what type of events do we want to put on? For this summer the following was discussed:
 - a. Pat suggested a “Working Dog” event that could be held at Wagon Hill. He will report back to the committee.
 - b. Gregg suggested a canoeing/kayaking event for Father’s Day. He will check schedules and tides. If not on Father’s Day then another time this summer or early fall.
3. Durham Day – date is Sunday, Sept 14. P&R will do the letter boxing activity like last year. Gregg and Sara will work on this. Nicole Moore is also looking for musical acts that can take 1/2 hour time slots to perform that day.
4. Marketing:
 - a. P&R brochure – It was agreed that P&R needs a simple hand-out for events, the Town office, etc. (Is this something a UNH marketing student could do in the fall?) In the meantime, Amy, Jenna, Sara, and Gregg will work on putting something together to have this summer and for Durham Day.
 - b. Website – this needs further study. Would be great to have our own site.

Other Items:

1. Draft a Use Policy for properties (June meeting)
2. Conservation Commission “task-group” (June meeting)
3. Adopt-a-Trail Program

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Submitted by,
Amy Cunningham