

MINUTES
Town of Durham, Parks & Recreation Committee
November 20, 2008

Present: Sara Wilson, Gregg Moore, Emily Slama, Dave Leach, Amy Cunningham, John Parry (*Absent: Pat Houle, Jenna Roberts, Mike Sievert*)

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of the October meeting were approved unanimously.

Public Comment/Correspondence:

No Public Comment / Correspondence

Reports:

Trail Cutting at Jackson's Landing – John and Amy and several volunteers from the town are scheduled to meet at J's Landing on Sat 11/22 at 9am to begin work. The goal is to get as much completed as possible weather (and soil conditions) permitting.

Turkey Trot – Emily is coordinating.

Light up Durham – Emily will do craft. Emily, John and Amy will run the table.

Report on Grant Writing 101 class – Sara reported on her experience and the group discussed the following:

- First step in this process is to create your values, vision and mission
- What are the Parks and Rec's values, vision and mission?
- Create Goals for 2009

Discussion Items:

Status of P&R use policy – John will email most recent version to all for feedback.

Discussion of Wagon Hill/Mill Pond Proposal. We need to give something to Todd. (Tabled till next meeting.)

The group discussed the RFP idea. Concern was raised regarding funding a recreation program in the current economic climate.

Questions:

- Do we begin implementing programs locally using existing resources (school buildings, etc) and then move forward with RFP?
- Do we go ahead and recommend hiring a part-time rec director?
- Next steps:
- Sara will speak with Cathy Leach to get a sense of the possibility of hiring someone this year.
- All to review Jenna's RFP and give feedback.

Meeting Adjourned at 9pm.

Submitted by Amy Cunningham