

Town of Durham, Parks & Recreation Committee
Minutes / July 16, 2009

Present: Emily Slama (vice chair), Amy Cunningham (co-secretary), Jenna Roberts, Jean Olson, Gregg Moore, Mike Sievert (Absent: Pat Houle, Dave Leach, Sara Wilson)

Visitors: Todd Selig, Town Administrator; Mike Lynch, Dir, DPW; Mike Mengers, P&R Dir.

Minutes of the June 18, 2009, meeting were unanimously approved.

Public Comment: Mike Lynch spoke to the group about an upcoming event at Jackson's Landing set for Sunday, July 26th, 2-7PM, rain or shine. There will be music, a "tour" of the new trails, the Gundalow, and games. People are asked to bring a picnic and chairs/blankets.

Introduction of new P&R Director: Todd Selig introduced new Parks & Recreation Director, Mike Mengers. Mike will officially be in the position Tues Aug 4, after the Town Council meeting of Aug 3. Mike will report to Todd, working closely with the P&R committee. It will be important for the committee to talk about goals, then work with Mike to determine how to move toward them. Committee members welcomed Mike to P&R and are looking forward to working with him to bring recreation programs to the Durham community.

Reports:

Adopt-A-Trail – Gregg reported that there are currently about 30 volunteers but due to bad weather it's been difficult to get the program going. He and Pat continue to work together on implementing the program.

Wagon Hill:

Septic – Amy reported on the Clivus proposal (in Sara's absence). Mike S. suggested the group look at the WH plans of the septic that is in place before making decisions about adding compost toilets. Sara, Mike and Amy will get together to go over them.

Education – Jean will be attending "Kids Can Grow" as well as looking into other gardening educational opportunities.

Water – Jean talked with Mike Lynch. The town will pay to have the existing well at WH tested for volume and pressure. After those results, we will discuss the next steps to take.

Parking Lot – is this on hold? More information to come when Sara returns from vacation.

Thursday Night Picnics – Attendance has been pretty good at these. The next date is Wed 7/22 at the "Outdoor Pool Night Under the Lights" in partnership with UNH Campus Rec. (Hope for good weather!) The last Thursday night picnic is Aug 20, at Jackson's Landing.

Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by,
Amy Cunningham