

Durham Parks & Recreation Committee

Meeting Minutes April 28, 2011

Meeting started at 7:05 p.m.

In attendance: Sara Badger Wilson, Neil Neiman, Jenna Roberts, Sandy Devins, Mike Sievert, Diane Moore, Mike Mengers, Jean Olson, Gregg Moore, 1 UNH Rec student

Public Correspondence:

Email from Eagle Scout re: trail

Public Comments:

Andrea Bodo discussing Smith Chapel

Facebook page was created by high school students

1888 Hamilton Smith and his wife from England bought land in Durham, July 4, 1900 he died in the Oyster River. The wife built the chapel in memory of her husband shortly thereafter.

- Fundraising and grant applications in process
- National register application would make it eligible for other funds
- Slate roof and windows this month
- Idea to use the old slates to engage the community
- Application process \$6,000
- Trust fund has been established
- Looking for ideas of what to do with the slate

Slate ideas:

Have artist day and auction them off

Have children paint them (ORPP, after school or weekend activity)

Recycle within the community

Sell pieces for other individual uses

Dennis Meadows may want for the garden

Button Factory or other shops may want to purchase

Historic walk (charge per person)

Use some of the slates in the chapel landscaping

Have a painting class and use the slates

Sell them as chalkboards

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve by Neil and seconded by Mike—unanimous

Appreciation of outgoing members: Gregg Moore, Jean Olson, Amy Cunningham

Introduction of new members: Mike Mengers, Mike Sievert, Neil Neiman TC Rep

Vote for Leadership:

Chair—Diane Moore

Vice Chair—Sara Badger Wilson
Secretary—Jenna Roberts

Motion to move the slate by Neil Neiman, second by Mike S—unanimous

Motion by Sara that current Town Council Rep, Neil Neiman serve as a voting member of Parks & Recreation Committee, second by Mike S—unanimous

Director Report:

Sandy wants the committee to work closely with her on events to maintain a strong team relationship

Town and Gown relationships are important

New Class→ American Sign Language starting next week--\$65 and certification—ages 11 and up

May 30th → Memorial Day Parade

Jazz Band

ORPP

DPL

Durham Police

Boy Scout Troop

State Reps

Durham Fire Department

Permit to close the road has been accepted

Start at the Town Landing and walk

Need signage for where groups will line up

Need 2 sets of speakers at the downtown location

Updates:

Egg hunt was a success even though it was in the rain

3300 total eggs

Suggestion to have the egg hunt at the Churchill Rink

Durham Day:

Checked the tide schedule and determined 9/17 from 1-4

Climbing wall was a huge success

Compostable plates and flatware

Local food

Adjournment 9:10 p.m.