

**Durham Parks and Recreation Committee  
Meeting Minutes September 22, 2011**

Meeting started at 7:10pm

**In attendance:**

Sara Wilson, Sandy Devins, Diane Moore, Neil Neiman, Jenna Roberts (via phone) Nate Trauntvein

**Public Correspondence:**

\*Email from Todd Selig, regarding request from Joe Miller pertaining to Seacoast Jazz Society Summer Series performance in downtown Durham (**declined for summer of 2011 as it was too short notice to make it happen, committee will revisit request at a later date with concerns as the committee is already supporting a music series in the summer at Wagon Hill Farm**)

\*Light Up Durham Inquiry (**declined taking on this event this year as Seacoast Rep. did a great job last year. The committee would like to continue to support Seacoast Rep. having an opportunity for their organization to have a community presence**)

**Public Comments:**

Brogan O'Rourke, Eagle Scout Project Wagon Hill Trail Improvement  
Requesting funds from DPR committee to assist in project in the amount of \$300.00  
(**Committee voted in support of funds to be given in support of project in the amount of \$300.00 to continue trail improvement/prevent erosion**)

**Approval of Minutes for April 2011 and May 2011 (no meetings in summer)**

(Motion to approve by Sara Wilson, seconded by Diane Moore)—unanimous

**DPR Director Reports:** Sandy Devins

**Summer Events Review:** Memorial Day Parade and Music by the Bay Concert Summer Series  
Events were successful and we will continue to improve every year.

**Durham Day:** Was a success as usual. Committee discussed ways to improve next year and a suggestion was made to create a Durham Day Committee; all agreed to explore this idea further. The boat dock no longer exists and we need to look at solving this issue if we are to continue to have the Marine Docents offer boat rides on Durham Day.

**Committee Member Reports:**

Diane submitted a budget to Town for 2012 requesting \$6,000.00 broken down as follows:

**Playground Mulch-** \$1500.00 (to keep insurance standards at Jackson Landing Playground and Woodridge Playground)

**Marketing/Public Awareness-**\$500.00 (Increase knowledge of events, programs and parks to increase participation and usage)

**Events-**\$2000.00-(Maintain/enhance/add events to sustain/grow involvement from the public/ to continue to build a sense of community)

**Properties and facilities-**\$2000.00 (Maintain and improve town properties/facilities)

Discussion of what to present to Town Council regarding Annual Report; committee is in agreement to request 10 hour increase to DPR Director position (from 20 hrs. a week to 30 hrs. a week).

**Meeting Adjourned: 8:30pm**

