

## Town of Sanbornton ~ Recreation Commission ~ Meeting Minutes

February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010 ~ 7:00 p.m. ~ Town Park

Members: Corey Robinson, Chairman, Marc Cray, Heather Goodwin, Joel Smith, Tracy Wood, Andrew Livernois, Selectmen Representative and Juliana Lonergan, Coordinator.

Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Members attending: Corey Robinson, Heather Goodwin, Tracy Wood and coordinator Juliana Lonergan

Robinson called to order the public information meeting to review the proposed master plan for the Town Park. Robinson turned the presentation part of the meeting over to Jim Bolduc of Lepene Engineering. Mr. Bolduc passed out a survey that included proposed facilities and order of priority for those attending to fill out and return. Mr. Bolduc went over the booklet he prepared explaining the purpose and progress of the plan. He also referred to the matrix which represents data collected from the prior public meeting held on December 17, 2009. Mr. Bolduc in detail explained what phase one could look like. Robinson then opened the meeting to questions and public input.

Ms. Rhodes asked Mr. Bolduc to explain the matrix. Mr. Bolduc clarified that a lower number represents a higher priority from the public input. Mr. Elliott asked how the roadway can be widened without interfering with the transfer station compactor. Wood showed Elliott on the plan where the compactor is located, and that there is enough room for both. Mr. Phelps questioned what would be the cost of a warrant article for phase one. Goodwin explained that to have [Access Drive- Gravel only \$58,184. w/ Asphalt \$107,776. Expanded Parking – Gravel only \$32,658 w/ Asphalt \$65,371. Relocate Buildings \$12,568. Playground (first phase) \$20,000 Total projected warrant budget with gravel prices \$123,410 with asphalt prices included \$199,715.] Mr. Phelps offered if you added another field instead of using asphalt prices you could get much more for the money. Mr. Wood thought phase one was a good start without having to move too much material. He also commented that the sandy soil makes excellent materials for fields. Mr. Carbone asked the sizes of the current buildings and size of the paved parking area. He also asked how many spaces will be added in the plan. Bolduc replied that the plan has 67 spaces. Mr. Draper asked who currently uses the fields other than the Rec. Lonergan explained that Winnisquam Cal Ripken Baseball and Winnisquam Softball use the field in the spring and early summer months. Lonergan clarified that both leagues are made up of Sanbornton, Tilton and Northfield students. Mr. Draper also asked about concessions and that they could bring money to offset cost. Draper also asked if Rec charged fees to those leagues that use the field. Lonergan said at this time no one is charged to use the field. Mr. Green expressed his concern with any plan being moved forward at this time with the state of the current economy. Mr. Green feels this plan is too big for this community. Mrs. Goodwin commented that safety is the main focus of the Commission. Mr. Draper stated he understands that the economy is not good and budget control is important. Mr. Draper further commented that volunteerism is the backbone of the Rec Dept. and that it is great for kids. It was also brought up that matching grants could be applied for to help offset costs. Mr. Bolduc explained that this is a great time to build as contractors are hungry for work.

Mr. Robinson asked if there were anymore questions hearing none he closed the public hearing at 7:45 p.m. Mr. Bolduc asked everyone to turn in their surveys before they left.

The Commission discussed options of the plan and Lonergan updated that the huge sand pile was half gone. The sand pile on the right hand side of the entrance road has been a safety issue for years. The Commission welcomes it leaving. Mrs. Goodwin asked if we went forward with phase one as a warrant article how could the cost be reduced so that the concerns raised on the economy could be addressed and still fulfills the needs of the safety aspects of the plan. The Commission discussed when the large sand pile is gone the parking area could be moved so that the buildings do not need to be moved saving [\$12,568] and changing the playground to just site preparation with no equipment to [\$8,000] that would save a total of [\$20,568] from phase one. The playground equipment can be fundraised.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Mrs. Goodwin , seconded by Mrs. Wood to move forward with a warrant article to include Gravel Access Road \$58,184; Gravel Expanded Parking \$32,658; and \$8,000 for Playground Site Work for a total of \$98,842. **Vote:** Affirmative – Unanimous

Meeting minutes from January 12, 2010 were read. **Motion:** A motion was made by Mrs. Wood and seconded by Mrs. Goodwin to accept the January 12, 2010 meeting minutes with corrections. **Vote:** Affirmative – Unanimous

Financials: The Commission reviewed financials.

Before & After School: The program is growing with seven new students in January. The numbers are averaging 18-22 children in the before care with 22-26 children in the after care program. Discussion ensued on what to do if the numbers continue to grow. Loneragan will keep the Commission updated. It was noted that if the program continues to grow additional staff will be needed to comply with the state standards for child care licensing. Loneragan also noted that a youth volunteer is helping out one afternoon a week. Loneragan clarified this volunteer is never is alone with the children. Loneragan stated that Mrs. Elliott thinks the volunteer is doing a great job. **Motion:** A motion was made by Mrs. Goodwin to refund Donna Whiting twenty-one dollars for overpayment to the B&A program, seconded by Mrs. Wood. **Vote:** Affirmative – Unanimous

Basketball: Loneragan updated that all regular teams are ending this Saturday. Loneragan will prepare the certificates for all teams. The three tournament teams will continue on until March 7<sup>th</sup>. Loneragan discussed a coaching issue.

Summer Soccer: Loneragan updated that the soccer coach at the WRHS would like to hold a week long evening camp at the end of the school year at the High School. Loneragan will meet with her and report back for the March meeting.

Ice Skating: This upcoming Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup> will be the last night for the season. [5:15 – 6:00 p.m. Parent & Child Learn to Skate Time] & [6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Family Skate] & [7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Open Skate]. There is no cost for this program.

Budget: The Recreation Dept. is scheduled to meet with the Budget Committee on Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm at the Town Offices.

Summer Camp: Loneragan updated the she is working with the library to coordinate field trips around the library's summer reading program.

T-Ball: The flyer was reviewed and a few minor edits were made. Loneragan will distribute this week.

Town Park Field Usage: Loneragan updated that a request was made if the back field could have the diamond cut in so two games could happen at the same time. Discussion ensued on how to reconfigure the current field so that it could be utilized more with better usage for all. Loneragan will contact the interested party and ask how they plan to accomplish the goal.

Next meeting is Tuesday, March 9th at 7:00 pm at Sanbornton Public Library.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Juliana E. Loneragan, Coordinator

These minutes are subject to review and approval of the Recreation Commission.