

**Town of Auburn
Parks and Recreation
December 8, 2014**

In attendance were: Mr. Tim Therrien chairman, Mr. Kim Lufkin, co chairman, Mrs. Lisa Canavan, commissioner, Mr. Alex Eisman, commissioner, Mr. Pat Kelly, alternate commissioner, Mr. Dave Nye, alternate commissioner, Ms. Margie McEvoy, alternate commissioner, Mr. Jim Headd, selectman and Mr. Mike Dobmier, facilities representative. Mrs. Helen Hiltz was recording the minutes.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Tim Therrien.

Exploratory Committee- Memorial Day Bazaar vs. Old Homes Days

Mr. Therrien informed the committee that a meeting was held with Mr. Bill Herman, Dan Carpenter and Dee Cleary of the Historical Society and Tim Therrien and Helen Hiltz from the Parks and Recreation. The goal of the meeting was to solidify the relationship between the Historical Society and the Parks and Recreation Department and to determine if both committees could share resources and funds to extend the current Duck Race to provide a full day of family fun for Auburn residents. No decisions have been made as to whether or not the proposed expansion will ultimately work but the exploratory committee will continue to investigate options such as a parade, possible church supper at the school or a fireman's barbecue for supper, a bonfire, fireworks options, etc. It was suggested that if the partnership was determined to be a good fit Mrs. Hiltz be part of the Historical Society's steering committee and Mr. Carpenter become part of the Parks and Recreation exploratory committee.

Mr. Alex Eisman made a motion, no matter the final decision on partnering for the Duck Race or the Parks and Recreation moving in the direction of an Old Home Days, to discontinue the efforts to provide a Memorial Day Bazaar and investigate new venues. Lack of resident participation, dwindling volunteer resources and feedback from vendors that a non-holiday week-end would be better were cited, as noted and agreed upon by the committee. Mr. Dave Nye 2nd the motion. All in favor.

2015 Budget

Mr. Therrien stated that the 2015 budget has been approved by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee at \$83,451. Mr. Jim Headd noted that the mosquito control program was approved by the Board of Selectmen but was not approved by the Budget Committee. It will now be left to the voters in March.

Mr. Nye submitted two bids that he received for class "B" fireworks from American Thunder Fireworks, one for \$7,000 and the other for \$10,000. American Thunder has reviewed the proposed location for the fireworks and they did not see a problem with the proposed locations. Mrs. Hiltz noted that the Hooksett Fireworks quote for \$5,000 was for a class "C" display. Mrs. Hiltz noted that the fire department would be asked to review and approve any new proposed site.

Wayne Eddows Parking Lot Damage

Mr. Therrien stated that there has been significant damage done to the Wayne Eddows Parking area by vehicles pulling donuts and tearing up the gravel. The Auburn Police have caught a couple of the perpetrators and are attempting to get some restitution for damages. The damage continues to occur. Mr. Therrien asked if video cameras or an entrance gate should be looked into. If the entrance gate was to be considered there would have to be some sort of lock box or combination lock so that coaches, etc. could gain access. Mrs. Canavan suggested that coaches etc. be given a key at the beginning of every season and return them at the end of the season. A gate similar to the one at the front park on Massabesic Lake would be looked into.

Mr. Therrien stated that the back drop at Wayne Eddows has broken. The fence company has been called and will anchor the backdrop to the building with cables to stabilize it.

Circle of Fun Playground

Mr. Therrien noted that the fence at Circle of Fun Playground has been paid for and we are just waiting for the installation to take place.

Mr. Dave Nye will be installing a planter around the flag pole next spring. It will probably be made of granite to tie in with the dedication plaque for the flagpole.

Mrs. Hiltz thanked Mr. Dobmeier and Mr. Nye for their quick response to pouring the foundation for one of the benches. She also read a thank-you note from the donating family.

Soccer Club

Mr. Pat Kelly noted that the club realized that participation from the younger players was decreasing. The Auburn Soccer Club is looking at possible other town involvement.

Maintenance

Mr. Mike Dobmeier stated that the ice rinks were plugged and ready to go. The four wheeler was also ready for the winter season and the picnic tables were put away.

Mrs. Lisa Canavan made a motion to accept the November meeting minutes. Mr. Therrien 2nd the motion. All in favor.

Mrs. Lisa Canavan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00. Mr. Alex Eisman 2nd the motion. All in favor.