

UNAPPROVED

Town of Auburn Parks and Recreation Committee March 30, 2015

In attendance were: Chairman, Mr. Tim Therrien; Co-Chairman, Kim Lufkin; Commissioners Mrs. Lisa Canavan and Mr. Alex Eisman, Alternate Commissioners Ms. Margie McEvoy, Mr. Pat Kelly, and Mr. Dave Nye; Selectman Jim Headd. Also attending the meeting were Auburn residents, Alan Villeneuve and Audrey Trickett. Mrs. Helen Hiltz was recording the minutes.

This was a special meeting that was called to decide if the Parks and Recreation Commission would move forward with the plans to have a town event on August 22nd or if the Committee would prefer to partner with the Historical Society to expand the Duck Race day festivities on September 12th. Mr. Tim Therrien highly recommended that the Committee reconsider the vote that was taken to have an August 22nd event and work with the Historical Society to expand the Duck Race. Mr. Dave Nye asked if the Auburn Moms club would still be able to rent vendor spots to raise money for their organization. Mr. Therrien noted that the Duck Race Steering committee would be making the decisions about the event. There are representatives from the Historical Society, Parks and Recreation, the Auburn Village School, Longmeadow Church and residents on the Committee. He felt that wise decisions would be made to make the event a community event that would make sure that all nonprofit organizations that chose to participate would be allowed to raise funds for their organizations. Mr. Alex Eisman stated that small steps should be taken to insure the event's success. Mr. Alan Villeneuve noted that the success of the event was the primary goal.

Mr. Alex Eisman made a motion to rescind the proposal that was made to have an August 22nd town event. Mrs. Lisa Canavan 2nd the motion. All in favor.

Mrs. Lisa Canavan made a motion for the Parks and Recreation Committee to work with the Historical Society to expand the Septemeber 12th Duck Race. Mr. Alex Eisman 2nd the motion. All in favor.

Chairman, Tim Therrien notified the Parks and Recreation Committee that he was submitting his resignation, effective immediately, for personal reasons. The Parks and Recreation Committee asked Mr. Kim Lufkin if he would be interested in assuming the chairman position. Mr. Lufkin, respectively, declined the offer citing professional obligations that would not allow him to devote the amount of time to the position that it will require. The Committee then asked if there was anyone else interested in assuming the chair position. Former chair, Dave Nye, was asked if he would assume the position again. Mr. Nye agreed. Mrs. Hiltz will ask the Board of Selectmen to consider elevating Mr. Nye to commissioner status and share the Parks and Recreation recommendation that Mr. Nye be considered for the chair position. It was agreed that notice of the alternate commissioner vacancy be advertised in the Village Crier.

Mr. Alex Eisman made a motion to nominate Mr. Dave Nye for the chair position. Mrs. Lisa Canavan 2nd the motion. All in favor.

It was noted that Mr. Therrien's resignation also left a Parks and Recreation vacancy on the Duck Race steering committee. Mr. Kim Lufkin nominated Mrs. Lisa Canavan to fill

the vacancy. Mr. Alex Eisman 2nd the motion. All in favor.

Mr. Alex Eisman made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Lisa Canavan 2nd the motion. All in favor.