

**Town of Auburn  
Parks & Recreation Commission  
January 6, 2014**

**In attendance were:** Mr. Kim Lufkin, Vice Chairman; Mr. Jim Headd, Selectman; Mr. Alex Eisman, Commissioner; Mrs. Lisa Canavan, Commissioner; Ms. Margie McEvoy, Alternate Commissioner; Mr. Armand Miclette and Mr. Mike Dobmier, Facilities Representative. Ms. Dee Cleary, Auburn Historical Society Representative and Mrs. Audrey Trickett, Auburn resident were also present. Mrs. Helen Hiltz was recording the minutes.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Kim Lufkin.

### **New Skating Rink**

Mr. Tim Therrien has asked Mrs. Hiltz to investigate the possibility of posting the new skating rink "For Auburn residents only". It has been noticed that the majority of the ice time is being utilized by Manchester residents, resulting in little ice time available for Auburn residents. Mr. Jim Headd stated that, to his knowledge, there have not been any complaints made to the Board of Selectmen or town administrator. Mrs. Hiltz also noted that she has not heard any resident complaints, just observances. Mr. Mike Dobmier and Mr. Armand Miclette both stated that they have observed numerous games taking place with non-residents. The point was made that Auburn high schoolers are attending Manchester and Derry schools so it would not be uncommon to see Manchester or Derry residents playing with Auburn residents. Mr. Jim Headd will address this issue with the Board of Selectmen at tonight's meeting. This item is tabled till next month's Parks and Recreation meeting.

### **Winter Carnival**

The carnival is scheduled for January 25<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 - 4:00. Mr. Therrien stated that the flyer will be distributed at the Auburn Village School. The flyer has been put in the Village Crier. The banners will be put up in the next day or two. Mr. Kim Lufkin will manage the hockey game/skill trials. A snowman building contest will be held with prizes being donated. Mrs. Hiltz is asking for hats, scarfs and mittens to be rounded up for the event. A DJ has been secured for the event. Mr. Mike Dobmier and Mr. Armand Michlete are bringing the Christmas trees to the Safety Complex in the next few days. Mr. Tim Morin has confirmed that completing the sign to thank the supporters on January 25<sup>th</sup> will not be a problem. Dunkin Donuts has not responded to communications re donations for the event. Mrs. Hiltz is in the process of sending "thank-you" letters to the skating rink sponsors. The thank-you letters include an invitation to the event.

Mrs. Hiltz will check with The Lion's Club to see if we can use their tent for the event.

Ms. Dee Cleary has planned out the snow shoe race course and has secured a \$50.00 donation from Acme Glass for prizes. She will also attempt to get a donation from Jim Trombley so that prizes can be given to the winners of the snow man making contest as well. She suggested that the donations be utilized to purchase EMS gift cards. The committee suggested that several gift cards be purchased rather than a couple of large ones.

Ms. Cleary stated that Don Dollard would be bringing the “old sled” to the event for all to view.

Ms. Cleary noted that she has invited the Audubon society to the event. She also asked if other non-profit organizations could be invited to set up a table. She then asked if the Audubon Society could set up a fund raising effort at the event to help them purchase new snowshoes. There was much discussion about having a town sponsored event become a fund raising activity for other organizations. The Parks and Recreation Committee has tried to limit this type of activity in the past. The exception to this has been the Memorial Day Bazaar. Mr. Kim Lufkin suggested that it is time to address this issue as part of the Parks and Recreation charter. Mr. Jim Headd will discuss this item at the Board of Selectmen meeting this evening and will let Ms. Cleary and Mrs. Hiltz know how that discussion went. The Parks and Recreation Committee is opposed to the fund raising activity but invites all nonprofit organizations to participate in the events for educational purposes.

### **Senior Dinner**

The senior dinner is scheduled for January 25<sup>th</sup>. Ms. McEvoy stated that response has been good and she expects a good turnout for the event.

### **Concert Series**

Mrs. Hiltz stated that Maureen Juliano was hoping to attend but was ill. She has asked Mrs. Hiltz to suggest that we consider only two outdoor concerts this year and try a “coffee house” approach for a third concert. This could be done at an inside venue, ie. the school, and be held later in the year.

### **Facilities**

Mr. Armand Miclette stated that all picnic tables and benches are repaired and all set to go for spring.

***Mr. Alex Eisman made a motion to accept the December meeting minutes. Mrs. Lisa Canavan 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favor.***

***Mr. Alex Eisman made a motion to adjourn at 7:55. Mr. Kim Lufkin 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favor.***