

**Town of Auburn  
Parks and Recreation Commission  
December 10, 2018**

**Commissioners Present:** Margie McEvoy, Vice Chairman; Pat Kelly; Dave Oliveira; Zach Eaton; Jim Headd, Selectman

**Others Present:** Mike Dobmeier, Facilities Manager; Amy Lachance, P&R Coordinator

**Welcome to New Commissioner-** Welcome to newly appointed Parks and Rec Commissioner, Mary Royer. Selectman Jim Headd swore her in. Ms. Royer's term is until March 2021.

**Budget 2018-** Last of the projects for 2018 are being completed. That includes the fence at the softball field at Wayne Eddows, the dumpster for the clubhouse roof at Wayne Eddows and wallball. The slide bed was ordered earlier in the year. This was to replace the small, wide slide at the Circle of Fun that has a crack that is starting. The current slide was discontinued. \$832 is needed to purchase the ladder and hardware for this slide. *Mr. Eaton motioned to spend the \$832 to purchase the slide ladder and hardware. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

**Skating Rink-** Although the Commission has requested funds in the 2019 budget for a long-term fix of the ice rinks, we are trying to come up with a solution to get at least one rink working this year. One suggestion is to cover the small rink with a plastic sheet so the water doesn't leak out. That cost is \$350. The rink needs to be clean and dry before the water goes in. The plastic we can get will fit the smaller rink. Mr. Eaton will get prices for the larger rink as well to see if we can do both rinks.

**Wallball-** Mickey Rolfe installed the poles for the wallball at Wayne Eddows over the weekend. The poles were leftover poles from Gemini that were left at the field. The poles were installed in the back near the right field. They are in the ground 7 feet. The poles and Mr. Rolfe's time were both donated. Mr. Eaton will get the lumber before the end of the year and will finish it off in the spring. The wall will be 12' x 12' when finished.

**Softball Fence-** The project still is not completed but is getting closer. It should be wrapped up soon and the final payment of \$8750 can be sent. Little League has already paid their portion to Centerline Fence.

**2019 Budget-** Parks and Rec is on the agenda for Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup> to finish up our budget with the BOS and then with the Budget Committee on Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. Although the budget has been presented, Mr. Kelly and Mr. Eaton will work on getting even more prices for the Wayne Eddows lighting project. The other project in question is the guardrail/fence at the Safety Complex field. Instead of guardrail, we could get boulders placed along the edge of the parking lot that will keep cars from the field and players safe. That would

only cost about \$1500 and would look better. As for the skating rink, Mickey Rolfe has giving us the suggestion of spraying liquid asphalt. The cost would be much lower but may need to be repeated every few years.

**Winter Carnival-** This year the Winter Carnival will be held on February 9<sup>th</sup>. In the past this event was held during the day. This year we plan to hold the event from 4-7 pm. There will be Christmas Tree bonfire, DJ, ice skating, hamburger, hot dogs and s'mores.

**Teen Council-** We have a good group of a dozen Auburn teens that have been participating in this group. We are looking for project around town that could use teen volunteers. Ms. McEvoy suggested that they could help with the s'mores and hot coco at the Winter Carnival.

**Summer Camps-** Camp Adventure is ready to go. It will show up in the January Crier. We will only do one week again this year which will be July 29<sup>th</sup> through August 2<sup>nd</sup>, open for kids entering grades 5-8. We moved it up a week so we didn't conflict with the soccer camp.

Basketball Camp is on hold until some point in January. The school won't commit to Parks and Rec using the gym because of the construction schedule. Once they have a clearer picture of that schedule, they can let us know if our dates will work. But even with the OK to use the gym, we were told that the school closes at 2:30 pm in the summer. That changes our plans of offering a full day camp. More details will be discussed at the next meeting.

**Disney on Ice discount tickets-** We had reserved 50 tickets and have so far sold 31. The deadline is December 15<sup>th</sup>. The tickets are being sold at \$28 each.

**Senior Dinner-** The annual senior dinner will be held the last Saturday in January which is the same weekend every year. Ms. McEvoy has already begun the planning for the event. This year to save a little money, invitations will not be mailed out but instead it will be only advertised in the Crier.

**Severance School-** The old Fair Haven Church was purchased by the Manchester Water Works. They are proposing to renovate the build so Parks and Rec can use it for programs and events as well as open it up for other town meetings. Water Works will take care of the building. Nothing has been made official but it's in the initial phases. It's exciting news and can't wait to see all that comes of this.

**2019 Events Schedule-** Ms. Lachance proposed the schedule for the 2019 events. Most are similar to the 2018 schedule. We'll go forward with these dates through the year.

**Facilities Update-** Mr. Dobmeier reported that in addition to all that was said about the rinks, everything has been packed away for the season and the 4-wheeler has been moved to the safety complex.

**Little League-** The new roof on the clubhouse was just completed. This job was paid for by the Little League. Parks and Rec paid for the dumpster. The wallball construction has begun with poles installed. The batting cages has been put away. Mr. Eaton brought the paint to his house for the winter.

Cara Bickford, the new Athletic Director has asked about when to discuss times for using the fields for spring sports. Mr. Eaton said he will talk with her directly to schedule times. Generally, there isn't too much time that overlaps. Ms. Bickford also requested to leave the field hockey cages at Wayne Eddows for the winter. Mr. Eaton and Mr. Kelly suggested that they can be left near the shed at the 90' diamond, inside the yellow gate.

**Auburn Soccer Club-** The lights from Gemini are still at the field. Mr. Dobmeier will talk to Matt at Gemini so have them removed.

**Review of Minutes-** *Ms. McEvoy motioned to approve the minutes from November 12, 2018. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.*

*Ms. McEvoy motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously*