

**Town of Auburn  
Parks & Recreation Commission  
May 12, 2014**

**In attendance were:** Mr. Kim Lufkin, co chairman, Mrs. Lisa Canavan, commissioner, Mr. Alex Eisman commissioner, Mr. Jim Headd, Selectman, Mr. Armand Michelet, Mr. Mike Dobmier, facilities representatives, Mrs. Stacey Shula, AMC representative. Tina Katsicas and Larry Farrel, Hooksett Fireworks, Thomas Jackson from the Global Alliance Energy Group (formerly Myles Travel Plaza) and Mr. Dan Carpenter and Ms. Dee Cleary from the Historical Society were also present. Mrs. Helen Hiltz was recording the minutes. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Kim Lufkin.

### **Hooksett Fireworks Display**

Ms. Christina Katsicas from Hooksett Fireworks stated that this would be the last year that Hooksett Fireworks would be able to do the Memorial Day Bazaar fireworks display at no charge to the town. She noted that the event was originally scheduled as a fireworks show to advertise their product. The show has not resulted in an increase in their business in the last couple of years. The product and advertising costs have increased substantially as have the postage costs to send out advertising to their customer base. Mr. Lufkin thanked Ms. Katsicas for displays that they have provided in the past. He asked what the cost would be to have a half hour fireworks display in the future. Ms. Katsicas stated that the cost would be between \$3,600 and \$4,000. That would include the half hour display, cost of insurance and cost for the shooter. Mr. Lufkin again thanked Hooksett Fireworks and stated that the Parks and Recreation would have to consider future displays and budget for them appropriately.

### **Sport sponsorship/community involvement – Thomas Jackson– JJ King – Alliance Group**

Mr. Thomas Jackson introduced himself to the P&R Committee as a representative of the Alliance Energy Group. The Alliance Group has taken over ownership of the old Myles Plaza. Mr. Jackson stated that the group is new to the town of Auburn and is interested in sponsoring a local sports team. Mr. Mike Dobmier stated that the Little League is already in full swing so sponsorship for this year may be a little too late. The Auburn Soccer Club may be another alternative. Mr. Dobmier will speak to the appropriate subcommittee members and forward the appropriate paperwork to Mr. Jackson or Mr. King. The Committee thanked the Alliance group for being civic minded and looking to support our community.

### **Summer Concert Series**

The concert dates and bands have been secured per below list

**Thursday, June 19, 2014 - 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Brickyard Blues**

**Thursday, August 21, 2014 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The Mirage Band,**

**Saturday, November 8, 2014 - 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. Auburn Coffeehouse** with **Wild Card** and various local musical guests. Mrs. Hiltz reported that a police detail has been requested and confirmed for both the June 19<sup>th</sup> and the August 21 concerts...

### **Memorial Day Bazaar Final Review**

Mrs. Hiltz confirmed that all vendors have confirmed their commitments. The porta potties have been ordered and will be delivered on the Friday prior to the event. Dan Carpenter Inc. will be supplying the dumpster. There will be four people from Labor Ready who will assist with traffic and parking. Two police details will be covering the event. The Fire Department is supplying coverage for the event, a touch a truck event and Smokestack Jack may make an appearance. Mrs. Canavan noted that 14 spaces have been reserved for the novelty items. Mr. Therrien is securing the light poles and generators. The banners will be put up in the next couple of days. Mrs. Hiltz has asked Ms. Skolung to ask the Board of Selectmen if the event can be placed on the electronic bulletin board. Mrs. Hiltz asked if in light of decreased advertising from Hooksett Fireworks, we should get a couple more signs made up and placed throughout town. Mrs. Canavan will check on cost etc. at Vista Print.

### **Historical Society – Duck Race**

Ms. Dee Cleary made the Parks and Recreation Committee aware of the fact that Mr. Dan Carpenter is now the chairman of the Historical Society and she is co-chair. Their main objective is to grow the participation and attendance in the annual Duck Race fundraiser. Ms. Cleary stated that she is looking to have all Auburn organizations and businesses participate in the event. She presented a summary of the event details and asked for help from the Parks and Recreation Committee. The Committee stressed that it would review the schedule in future meetings but stated that we had several events that we were getting ready for and volunteer resources were extremely limited. Ms. Cleary asked if the Committee could pay for the porta potties as was done in the past. Mr. Kim Lufkin stated that the Parks and Recreation budget was extremely limited this year and there were no funds budgeted to help out with the duck race.

### **Request for a memorial bench**

Ms. Hiltz stated that she had received a phone call from an Auburn resident who was looking to memorialize a child with a bench or plaque of some sort. She asked if the bench could be placed in a town owned property and what the procedure would be to move forward with a request. Mrs. Hiltz noted that she would ask the Committee if some sort of memorial could possibly be considered at one of our playgrounds, ie. Circle of Fun. Mrs. Hiltz also suggested a brick in memory of the child be considered. The Committee determined that each request be considered on an individual basis and the details presented in front of the Committee. A policy on this matter would need more review and consideration.

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

***Mr. Kim Lufkin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15. Mr. Alex Eisman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favor.***