

**SHERMAN PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
November 8, 2011**

**Present:**

Fran Frattini – Chairman  
Karen Kellett - Secretary  
Bill Butts  
Stan Greenbaum

**Absent:**

Scott Berlinger,  
Kris Fazzino  
Sue Stein

**Guest:**

John Wrenn

**Call to Order:**

Chairman Frattini opened the November 8, 2011 Park and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting at 7:35pm.

Stan Greenbaum made a motion to discuss the Selectmen's concerns regarding the minutes of the October 11, 2011 meeting. Karen Kellett seconded this motion. Chairman Frattini received an e-mail from Andrea O'Connor regarding the Selectmen's concerns with certain wording of two items in the minutes. First was regarding the removal of the request for an appropriation to continue the boat dock replacement project at the October 21, 2011 Town Meeting, with the minutes stating this was due to "too many items on the agenda." Chairman Frattini clarified this stating that she was told that there were too many other items requiring funds on the agenda and that it was consequently decided by the Selectmen that the boat dock replacement be deferred. The paragraph will be changed as follows:

**"An e-mail from Selectman O'Connor asked Chairman Frattini if Park and Recreation would like the item of replacing the boats docks to be added to the agenda for the next Town Meeting. Shortly after, Chairman Frattini received another e-mail from the first selectman informing her that there were already too many items on the agenda and will discuss replacing the boat docks at a future meeting. The removal of the request for an appropriation to continue the dock replacement project from the warning of October 21, 2011 Town Meeting was due to the low balance in the Capital and Non-Recurring Expense Fund, even taking into consideration unexpended funds from a previous appropriation and funds collected as a surcharge to boat mooring fees."**

The second item was regarding the discussion of John Wrenn's position and the feeling of the Selectmen that this be stricken from the record. It was decided by the Commission that this discussion was appropriate because it reflected the Commission's concerns as to the status of Mr. Wrenn's interview with the investigating attorney. In addition, it reflects the Commission's concern that there is no Director in place and as such we are unable to run programs. It was further stated that this discussion was for the purposes of gathering information, not to make any decisions. In addition, the Commission is

concerned with the amount of town money being spent on this matter. We do not believe that our actions in discussing the Director were inappropriate and this section will not be stricken from the record. Stan Greenbaum made a motion to accept the minutes from October 11, 2011 as amended, Bill Butts seconded the motion, all were in favor.

**Correspondence:**

- John Wrenn received a note from a resident who was stuck in a lake community after the recent storm and had to kayak to the town beach. The resident asked if he could leave his kayak in the rack. After speaking with Chairman Frattini, Mr. Wrenn approved the resident's request.
- Mr. Wrenn was contacted by a boat owner who questioned the slip rental fee and additional surcharge. He referred them to the Selectmen's office for clarification because the surcharge was added by the Selectmen.
- Chairman Frattini has extended the boat removal date from November 1 due to the recent storm and asks that boats be removed as soon as possible.

**Old Business:**

1. Bill Butts reported that his meeting with Andrea O'Connor regarding the draft of the lawyer's response to the ordinance regarding the Park and Recreation Fund, among other matters, was very beneficial. It was determined that there are different ways to interpret this draft, which requires further examination. It was again decided to defer this discussion until all Commission members are present.
2. Chairman Frattini commented that there was no report on Summer 2011 programs because Mr. Wrenn was put on administrative leave prior to preparing this report.
3. Chairman Frattini commented that there is currently no record of how much income was made for 2011 pavilion rentals due to Mr. Wrenn turning all information in to the First Selectman. It is estimated that there were six to ten rental requests; we will wait for a report when the Director is off administrative leave.
4. With the exception of the wrestling program, all programs we would normally run at the school are on hold. The winter Saturday morning basketball program will be discussed at the December meeting.
5. Four boat docks have not been rented for the summer 2012 season. There is concern that this is a reflection on the state of the economy.
6. Bill Butts reported that the wrestling program has 24 children enrolled. As the Parks and Recreation representative to the program, he is handling the collections and disbursements for supplies purchased by Chris Piel. Mr. Butts will copy all receipts, checks and cash collected prior to being turned over to the Town Treasurer.

**New Business:**

1. The election of officers for 2012 was held. Stan Greenbaum made a motion to nominate Fran Frattini for Chairman and Karen Kellett for Secretary/Treasurer. Bill Butts seconded the motion; voted with all in favor.
2. The meeting dates for 2012 were discussed. Kris Fazzone had asked the Commission to consider a change to Monday nights. It was decided that the

January through June meetings be held on the second Monday of the month, unless otherwise noted. The July through December meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of the month, unless otherwise noted. Karen Kellett made a motion to approve the 2012 meeting dates as discussed, Stan Greenbaum seconded; all in favor. Chairman Frattini will adjust the draft of the 2012 meeting dates and e-mail it to the Commission.

3. Stan Greenbaum suggested that we purchase program binders in order to keep all program records together.
4. The Commission expressed frustration with the lengthy investigation process and the fact that it is compromising our ability to have effective leadership of our programs.

**Adjournment:**

Stan Greenbaum made a motion to adjourn the November 8, 2011 Regular Park and Recreation Commission meeting at 8:58pm. The motion was seconded by Bill Butts and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Kellett  
Park and Recreation Secretary

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