

**Wallingford Parks & Recreation Department
Parks & Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes April 11, 2012**

Recreation Commission Members Present:

Dave Gelo, Mike Savenelli, Phylis Murray, Jason Michael

Recreation Department Staff Present:

John Gawlak CPRP Director Parks & Recreation

Attending Guests:

Jim Bowes Town Comptroller

Recording Secretary:

Joanne Vass

Opening Remarks:

Dave Gelo called the meeting to order @ 8:10 AM.

Minutes:

Phylis Murray made a motion to accept the March meeting minutes. It was seconded by Mike Savenelli.

Old Business:

Signage: Harrison Park is now up.

Parks & Recreation Foundation: Mike Savenelli explained to Mr. Bowes the intentions of the Commission re: funding of different projects through donations. Mr. Bowes explained what a 5013C was and how it worked and the difference between using that avenue vs. use of the Park and Recreation Commission Fund. The commissioners thanked Mr. Bowes for his time and for clarifying the different avenues available. John suggested brochure as an avenue to get info to public. Mike motioned to table discussion and follow up next month.

Linear Trail Walk: Dave stated that the walks @ Doolittle & Marcus Cooke were very productive. A brief discussion ensued. It was decided to pick Pragemann (& possibly S. Budleski) park to visit next on April 20 @ 8:00AM.

Wallace Park: Meeting with Dr. Somogyi on April 10 went well. Mike submitted draft of guidelines for Memorial Park. All commissioners will give input at next meeting to update. Garden Club will get back to Mike. Discussion of improvements to park took place.

Director's Notes:

Parker Farms Concession: Lengthy discussion ensued re: update of concession stand and issues therein.

Tyler Mill: John discussed film company's use of trails April 18. He suggested the creation of a checklist for peer review for similar situations in the future. A lengthy discussion ensued re: Tyler Mill issues. Interpretive Trail Guide Brochures will be distributed on National Trails Day.

CRPA Quarterly: John invited commissioners as guests on April 26 at 9:00AM.

League usage of fields: Need to form subcommittee to study usage. John will Email to update.

Other Business:

Fireworks: Lengthy discussion took place regarding status and history of fireworks.

Next Meeting:

The next Recreation Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday May 9, 2012 @ 8:00AM at the Recreation Dept. Dave will E-mail all commissioners as a reminder of next meeting date.

Adjournment:

Dave Gelo made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jason Michael seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 09:55AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Vass, recording secretary