

# **SOMERS RECREATION COMMISSION**

## **Regular Meeting**

**October 5, 2009**

Kibbe Fuller Community Center

**Present: J.J. Wassmuth, Alicia Albert, Karen Murdoch, Michelle Tingley, Troy LaMontagne**

**Members Absent: Anna Gagnon, Karen McGuane**

**Non-Members present: Mike Provencher, Jenifer Charette**

**Audience:** Mark Murdoch, John Pelligrino, Gabriel Albert, Quinn Asland

### **I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm

### **II. Minutes of Last Meeting**

The Minutes from September 14, 2009 were read and accepted with no changes.

### **III. Coordinator's Report**

The library is supposed to be moved out of Kibbe Fuller by October 27<sup>th</sup>. Jen is losing her volunteer help and therefore spending more time in Social Services. Jen is getting a new laptop to replace the old one that is no longer working.

### **IV. Parks Report**

Mike reported on a meeting with tennis players in town and Dave Pinney. The town of Somers was awarded a 200K STEAP grant to be used for recreation improvements. Mike has been getting quotes for repairing the tennis courts at field road park. There are two different levels of repairing the cracks that range from 8K to 26K. Resealing the courts would be 15K. To completely re-do the courts would cost 130K. This value includes new fencing around the courts. Re-built courts could be made with a berm and then used for ice skating in the winter.

Basketball players have asked for regulation size hoops to be installed at Field Road Park.

The park maintenance staff has started to do trash hauling to the transfer station on Mondays instead of Thursdays. This has helped with getting rid of the volume of trash generated on weekends. Mike is using more paint (less dilution) for line, which appear better and last longer, but cost more for the paint. He is spending a lot of time mowing and lining MBA fields because the school is not keeping up with

maintenance. Mike has discussed with Dave Pinney outsourcing some of the mowing. Last time this was investigated, the cost was too high (75K/year).

The gravel pit is still being worked. So far everything is going well and is on schedule.

**V. Audience**

Mark Murdoch, Somers Lacrosse, presented information about the Positive Coaching Alliance. The total cost of the program is \$2000. Previously US Lacrosse paid for 70% of the cost. There are three levels of the program for association leaders, coaches and parents. Last time attendance by groups outside of lacrosse was low. The scholarship application is due this month. US Lacrosse may support the program again. The program would be better if all associations attended. The training must be completed by March 15. Sessions would be scheduled for January, February and March.

Mark asked for support of the Recreation Commission in sponsoring the program and encouraging attendance by the other associations in town.

**VI. Old Business**

Skate Park – Karen Murdoch requested that the STEAP grant money be used to initiate building of the skate park. Karen spoke with a representative of California Skate Parks who will be providing proposals for different levels of skate parks at different funding levels.

The Board of Selectmen has scheduled Penney Bacchiocci as a guest at their next meeting on October 8.

**VII. New Business**

None

**VIII. Correspondence**

None.

**IX. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Karen Murdoch  
Secretary, Somers Recreation Commission