

**Belmont Recreation Commission**  
**Minutes of Meeting of November 8, 2004**

Attendance:

MaryAnn Johnson	Stephanie King
Peter Pomponi	Tim Allen
Dan MacAuley	Noreen Millane

Meeting Called to Order: 8:35 p.m.

The start of the meeting was postponed from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. so that members could attend the BHS Girls' State Tournament Soccer game at Harris Field.

The Director provided an update on all of the current school year programs now underway. The skating rink just opened for the 2004-05 season. An update was also given on current projects involving the Recreation Department. These include the Library/Pool Complex project and improvements at Joey's Park.

The Commission members in attendance voted unanimously to support a Capital budget project being sponsored by the School Dept. to provide handicapped accessible restrooms at the rink. This facility would be built to also accommodate crowds attending events at Harris Field as well as at the skating rink.

A discussion was held concerning the vending machines, snack bar and advertising at the rink. The Commission voted unanimously that all revenues from the vending machines and ads would go to the Recreation Dept. this year. The Director was instructed to contact the Health Dept. on questions concerning a possible re-opening of the snack bar for this season.

Tim Allen mentioned that a local dance studio may be interested in sponsoring a new program through the Department.

A discussion was held on the Fiscal Year 2006 budget. The main focus of the Department at this time is to increase revenue, which dropped for the first time in 7 years during the last fiscal year. Different methods to increase revenue were considered and will be added during the current season. The needs based budget included a funding request for an improved sound system at the rink and for some special playground events for next summer. The other short-term needs, safety improvements at the Concord Ave ball park and computer improvements for the office, can possibly be funded through the D.P.W. Capital Budget and I.T. Department budget, respectively.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:04 p.m.