

- **Belmont Recreation Commission**  
- **December 3, 2007**

- Present: Dan MacAuley, June Howell, Dennis Rocha, Peter Pomponi,  
Stephanie King, Lee Slap, Noreen Millane, Bill McKenney

- By invitation: Ben Bolte

- The meeting began at 7:05 p.m.

- **1. New Business**

- Ben Bolte of the Belmont Youth Lacrosse program presented a new clinic to the recreation commission. The clinic will provide training opportunities for lacrosse goalies. It will be run for approximately 2-5 weeks on Sunday evenings in the Wenner Field House.

- **MOTION:** To have the Belmont recreation department sponsor the lacrosse goalie clinic. Details to be confirmed with Mr. Bolte, by the department.

- **VOTE:** passed unanimously

- **2. Program Report**

- The ski program will begin on January 5, 2008. School vacation programs will add additional hours at the field house. The department is considering new programs for spring 2008 and received ideas from a recent seminar. Program enrollment for fall continues to be lower than expected.

- **3. Projects**

- **a. Tennis Courts**

- The status of the tennis courts is uncertain. With budget meetings currently in process, final budget decisions will have a direct impact on the options for repair. Proposed were two possibilities; \$150,000 in the budget to rebuild four tennis courts at Winn Brook, Grove Street, or Pequosette or \$18,000 to make repairs one of those sites.

- **b. Sound System – Vigliolo Skating Rink**

- There was discussion regarding the failing sound system at the skating rink. Upgrading this would be beneficial to the multiple rink users as the system is no longer functioning.

- **MOTION:** To utilize no more than \$400 in the department budget to upgrade this system.

- **VOTE:** passed unanimously

- **NOTE:** The commission is optimistic about support from another organization to purchase speakers for the upgraded sound system.

- **4. Financial**

- **a. FY08 Revenue, through November 07**

- Revenue was reviewed from July 1 – November 30, 2007.

- This revenue reflects a deficit of \$19,000 compared to the same time period in FY07.

- **b. FY09 Budget**

- Preliminary budget meetings for FY09 have taken place. The recreation director has been advised to expect a level-service budget for 2009. The next round of meetings will take place on either January 26 or February 2. Commissioners are not required to attend but are welcome.

- **c. Advertising Update – Vigliolo Skating Rink**

- To date, three advertisers have chosen not to renew for the 2007-08 skating season. However, two new advertisers have agreed to purchase signs and rent the advertising space. The premier advertising space on the zamboni, revenue of \$1,000, is currently open. The department is working with a vendor to fill this opening.

- **5. Administrative**

- **a. Acceptance of the November 5, 2007 minutes**

- The minutes were accepted as presented.

- **b. 2008 Meeting Dates**

- Our next meetings will be Mondays, January 14 and March 3.

- Both meetings will take begin at 7:00 p.m.

- **6. Miscellaneous**

- The commission recognized the service of two past members – Kathy Ruane and Tim Allen.

- The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.