

Belmont Recreation Commission Minutes of Meeting of March 22, 2004

Attendance:

Lee Barber
Richard Wright
C. Paul Graham
Kathleen King

Peter Pomponi
Kathleen Ruane
Dan MacAuley

Meeting called to order: 7:03 p.m.

Elizabeth Gibson, a member of the School Committee attended. A discussion was held concerning some of the facilities utilized by both the Recreation and School Departments. It was determined that she should return to a meeting at the beginning of the next school year for an update.

A group of parents and children attended to request support for a Youth Lacrosse program in Belmont. The Commission members will support this request and assist this group in getting the program underway. Paul Graham will check with BHS Athletic Director Jim Davis on the availability of Harris Field.

A discussion was held on the storage boxes used by the Second Soccer group at Town Field and Winn Brook. Because they are eyesores, complaints from residents living near these fields have increased. Originally, the group indicated that these boxes would be removed after the season, but they have been left up year round. The Commission voted unanimously that these storage boxes must be removed as soon as possible. The Commission will work with the Second Soccer group on an alternative storage plan for their equipment if desired.

John Madden, Director of the Youth Hockey program for the Department attended to request approval for a 'Ski, Skate and Snowboard Swap' at the rink next fall. We will check to make certain that proceeds from this event can be utilized for rink improvements as a gift account to the Town. If so, the Commission voted to support this request.

The Commission unanimously supported the Director's recommendation to hire Megan Dillon as the new head coach of the Dolphins Competitive Swim Team. Kathy Ruane was appointed as a liaison from the Commission to the Parents of Dolphins Swimmers (PODS) organization.

It was voted to request a notice be placed on Town employees' paychecks advertising the policy that allows employees and their families who live outside of Belmont use of the Department's facilities and programs.

An update was given on the budget for Fiscal Year 2005 as well as the revenue totals for the current fiscal year. Funding for sponsorship of the Payson Park Music Festival was returned to the FY05 budget

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.