

**Belmont Recreation Commission
Minutes of Meeting of May 10, 2004**

Attendance:

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| Lee Barber | Peter Pomponi |
| MaryAnn Johnson | Kathleen Ruane |
| Dan MacAuley | |

Meeting called to order: 7:07 p.m.

Karen Pressey of the Senior Center Committee attended. A discussion was held on possible future options for parking improvements in relation to the ball diamond at Town Field playground. Some preliminary drawings and photos were reviewed by the Commission. There is some potential for adjustment at the playground that could improve safety conditions there.

Jill Westcott and Hal Shubin of the Library Trustees attended along with Library Director Maureen Connors. A thought provoking discussion followed. The many options available for a new library on Concord Avenue were discussed. The relationship between the library and the historic Underwood Pool was also discussed. The Recreation Commission agreed to look at all possible options for the future of these important Town landmarks.

A group from Second Soccer attended to update the Commission on their efforts to replace their current storage containers at Town Field and Winn Brook. A custom built container that will serve their needs and fit in well at the playgrounds is being planned for the near future.

Jim O'Shaughnessey and Brian Rogers of the Youth Baseball Assoc. attended. The group praised the work of Joe Urciuolo and the crew at the D.P.W. for their excellent work on the ball diamonds. They gave an update on the work at the Brendan Grant Field, which is progressing well toward becoming a beautiful, first class facility. A discussion was held on possibly improving conditions at Grove St. by reutilizing the playground clubhouse which is currently used for storage. Lee Barber will work with the baseball officials on this possible improvement. An update was given on the food cart that has been at the Little Leagues games to date.

A request for a practice field area for the Pop Warner Football program for this summer was approved. The Washington St. and Town Field playgrounds are both possibilities.

Use of a softball field by an out of Town senior citizen league was approved on the condition that it not conflict with the schedules of the School or Recreation Departments.

A reminder was given that the Commission election is scheduled for the June meeting.

The revenue total through 10 months of the fiscal year was reviewed. The amount for April was below expectations. The start of May has been promising, however. It was determined to check the total at the end of May and contact all the proper Town officials concerning the likelihood of reaching this year's revenue requirement by June 30.

Kathy King, a Commission member since 1996, is moving from Belmont and has resigned from the Commission. It was voted to honor her at an upcoming meeting for her time and efforts on behalf of the Town.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:46 p.m.