Belmont Recreation Commission Minutes of Meeting of October 21, 2002

Attendance:

Lee Barber MaryAnn Johnson Kathleen Ruane Dante Muzzioli

Paul Graham Dan MacAuley

Richard Wright

7:02 p.m. Meeting Called to Order

A discussion was held on two letters received requesting that dogs be allowed on the playgrounds. The Commission unanimously re-affirmed its present policy that dogs be banned from Town playgrounds for health reasons.

Conservation Commission Chairman Michael Flamang attended and indicated that they will approve a section of Town land for a Dog Park on a trial basis next month. It was suggested that we write to the Conservation Commission in support of this. Funding will be needed for fencing off the designated area.

The Belmont Soccer Association attended and conducted an informative slide presentation. Their plans for improvements at the Grove St., Pequossette and Winn Brook fields were approved. The need to have the new High School field made available for more usage by the soccer groups in Belmont was discussed. Also discussed was the need to coordinate improvements for the JV Field, which is also used for Lacrosse.

Representatives from the Belmont Ranger Hockey group attended. This group may be able to assist on making some improvements at the rink, including the sound system. The possibility of using rink dividers for younger age teams was discussed.

With the rink season about to begin, a discussion was held to see if improvements to the restrooms can be accomplished. We will contact the Buildings and Grounds Department on this matter.

The Commission members supported exploring other areas for the temporary office relocation, scheduled for the spring of 2003. The Chairman and Director will meet with the Relocation Committee on Monday, October 28.

The Director gave an update on the status of current programs. The possibility of adding some new camp programs next summer was discussed. A request to have a private group run a camp next summer through the Department, giving 15% of the gross revenue to the Town was unanimously rejected.

9:48 p.m. Meeting Adjourned