

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Recreation Commission
November 17, 2011**

- Present:

- Ann Bere, David Kane, Laurie Carlson, Lee Slap

- Absent:

- John Owens, Andrew Levin, Dennis Rocha

- 7:30 pm Meeting Called to Order

- The Members discussed the need to fill 2 vacancies on the Board. Each Member will reach out to other residents to determine if there is interest in anyone new joining the Board

- Board members discussed the current structure of the Recreation Dept. The Department is currently operating without a Department Head. The Board supports the discretion of the current Recreation Program Coordinator and Recreation Program Supervisor

- Board members were informed of the acceptance of bids for contracts for both Coach Bus Transportation and the operation of the snack bar at the skating rink

- The Board was updated by Recreation Dept staff of the success of the summer programs, the summer sports programs were particularly profitable and for the first time in anyone's memory, the Underwood Pool operated at no cost to the Town. This was the result of a hiring freeze implemented by the Recreation Department as well as decreased costs in DPW salaries and costs. Revenues also increased from the previous year by over \$5,000.

- New programs were discussed..a successful babysitting course just completed and the Department's first ever 'Parent's Night Out' to be held next month.

- The Board discussed plans to recognize past organizers and volunteers of the long running Recreation Hockey program which has been replaced by a program run by Belmont Youth Hockey Association.

- The Board was informed of an agreement with Belmont's Athletic Director and the Recreation Department which will allow the Belmont Hill to rent the ice for one hour each week beginning in January.

- The Board members discussed their priorities for possible CPA funding; those are replacing the Underwood Pool and utilizing Town land to provide more field space in Town.

- The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm

