



Belmont

Recreation Commission

Minutes of Meeting of December 2, 2002

Attendance:

Lee Barber	MaryAnn Johnson
Peter Pomponi	C. Paul Graham
Kathleen Ruane	Dante Muzzioli
Dan MacAuley	

Meeting Called to Order: 7:07 p.m.

Barry Gaiman attended the meeting to discuss issues involving adult swim time at the indoor pool at Belmont High School. It was agreed that the Department would check future schedules in 2003 to see if any time could be added to the schedule.

Officials from the Belmont Baseball Association attended. They expressed their satisfaction on the current field conditions and mentioned the great job being done by Joe "Pudge" Urcioulo and the crew of the Buildings and Grounds Dept. For the future, the possibility of a Little League field addition, fencing improvements and the use of the Grove St. clubhouse as a possible restroom/snack bar facility were discussed.

A discussion was held on an issue of swim team eligibility. The Director was instructed to meet with the Coach as soon as possible to discuss this issue with her.

A letter suggesting the use of the rink for roller-blading next spring was discussed. The Commission may do this on a trial basis next April.

A request to run a 4-day Martial Arts program next summer was approved. The Commission would like to know how many students can be accommodated.

The Director gave an update on all current programs. Unanimous approval was granted for the annual Gallant Scholarship Hockey Tournament.

A discussion on current projects was held. A letter from Belmont Hill School announcing their withdrawal from the Soccer Field project was reviewed. Slow but significant progress is continuing toward completion of the Payson Park Tot-Lot. A discussion was held on the pending relocation of the office to modular units at BHS.

A budget discussion was held concerning the Fiscal Year 2004 budget. Capital Budget needs were reviewed, projects involving both the Recreation Dept. and the Buildings and Grounds Dept. If the Town will allow re-classification requests for the budget, the Commission will support a Director's recommendation for a reclassification. The fee sub-committee will meet in early January to review current fees.

Some improvements are needed at the rink. Rest room improvements, a rail addition for the new ramp and the restoration of pay phone service were discussed. The Director was instructed to contact the Buildings and Grounds Dept. on these issues.

The new Zamboni is due in on December 23.

A discussion was held on the Family Night program at BHS, which continues to be very popular and draw large crowds on Thursday nights.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:02 p.m.