

Belmont Recreation Commission
Minutes of Meeting of December 6, 2004

Attendance:

MaryAnn Johnson	Tim Allen
Kathleen Ruane	Stephanie King
C. Paul Graham	Noreen Millane
Daniel MacAuley	

7:03 p.m. Meeting Called to Order

Ernie D'Agnelli, Summer Program Coordinator, attended the meeting and gave a report on last summer's programs and discussed plans for the upcoming summer. A discussion on the possibility of an extended day program for an additional fee was held. There are some inherent problems with this idea due to the school's summer schedule. A survey of participants from last year's programs can be done in early 2005 to determine what could be done to improve attendance.

J. Stewart Roberts presented the many different concepts being considered for the new Pool/Library Complex. Although the project is considered many years away, a sense of urgency is needed in the timing of a decision for the site of the library and pool due to the process of a state grant application for the library. Recreation Commission members were encouraged to attend the upcoming meetings on December 9 and 16 at the library and hope to make a decision on the plans as soon as possible.

The Commission approved a Dept. sponsored trip to Red Sox Training Camp in Fort Myers, Florida for Belmont residents from March 7-14, 2005. The Dept. will work with Celebration Tours of Quincy, MA on this trip.

A discussion was held on the snack bar at the rink, which at the present time is not open. It was determined and voted on that anyone wishing to operate the snack bar this season would have to gain approval from the Health Dept. and guarantee the Recreation Dept. a specific amount of funds before they could be allowed to operate it. The Dept. is utilizing five vending machines for refreshments at the rink at this time. A self-service skate sharpening machine has also been installed at the rink this season.

Two letter requests from residents were discussed. The Director was instructed to meet with Peter Castanino concerning the addition of trees at Winn Brook. A request for field usage of the soccer fields for Australian Rules Football was denied.

Suggestions were made for more advance publicity for summer pool membership sales and camp programs this year. Both of those programs had attendance decreases last season. A plan to increase the revenue for this year and next year was reviewed.

9:06 p.m. Meeting Adjourned

