Minutes of the Meeting of the Recreation Commission - Monday, February 27, 2012

- Attending: John Owens, David Kane, Ann Bere, Dennis Rocha, Lee Slap, June Howell

- Absent: Andrew Levin, Laurie Carlson
- 7:10 pm Meeting Called to Order

- Ms. Howell updated the Commission members on plans for the closing weekend at the Viglirolo Skating Rink and invited members to attend the closing festivities on March 11. This event will be co-sponsored by Belmont Youth Hockey Assn, concluding a successful season at the rink.

- Ms. Howell updated the Commission members on planning for spring and summer programs. For the first time, the Department has offered sponsorship opportunities for local businesses which will defray costs of the Conley League baseball, softball and tee-ball programs. This idea has been met with enthusiasm by local business owners and will improve the quality of the outfitting of teams. An opening event will be planned just before the start of the games.

- The FY12 budget and revenue were reviewed. Revenue is steady through the month of February. The Commission was advised that they can expect a drop in revenue for the month of March due to a much later registration start date for summer programs. Changes in the online registration system will not be completed until late March. The revenue should even out again after these changes are in place and registration begins April 2.

- The Commission was advised of a meeting planned with Ms. Howell and members of the Culture and Recreation Warrant Sub-Committee on March 9. Questions the Sub-Committee members asked in advance of that meeting were reviewed.

- Commission members David Kane and John Owens were appointed to be the Financial Aid review Committee for Summer Programs.

- Commission members reviewed additions to the policy and document titled "Rules Governing the Use of Parks, Playgrounds and Recreation Facilities of the Town of Belmont". Following that discussion the Commission voted unanimously to adopt that policy with the amendments. These rules can now be forwarded to the Board of Selectmen for a vote at a future meeting.

- The minutes of the January 17 meeting were reviewed and accepted.
- 8:40 pm Meeting Adjourned

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