Minutes of Meeting of Recreation Commission - February 3, 2009

- Attending: Stephanie King, Betsy Lipson, Dennis Rocha, Bill McKenney, June Howell

- The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm

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- A discussion was held on the success of the first 4 of 6 weeks of the Nashoba Ski Program. 222 youngsters registered this year. We have so far had no postponements, chaperones have been excellent and the children have been well behaved on the buses to and from Nashoba Valley. There have been a few minor injuries reported but thankfully nothing major.

- The Youth Center is running smoothly, we are attempting to find a replacement for Lauren Becker to man the center every Friday night since Lauren has made it clear that she is ready to move on. Getting parents to volunteer to chaperone remains a challenge. The schedule has been updated for the remainder of the school year.

- At the skating rink, things are running smoothly, crossing our fingers for the last 6 weeks. Recreation hockey is enjoying higher attendance this year and we have had a lot of positive feedback from parents of hockey players.

- The family skating party has been re-scheduled for Friday, February 6. We were snowed out on December 19.

- Indoor pool at Belmont High had a delayed re-opening after the installation of the new drain covers. A leak developed in one of the pipes and forced another 2 week delay.

- Since the swimming lessons at the high school on Saturday morning are not well attended, we will talk to the School Department to see if they will allow us space during the school day.

- Members of the Board of Belmont Youth Basketball will be invited to attend the March 3 meeting to discuss the future of the program in regards to the Recreation Department.

- Concern was expressed about funding for maintenance and supplies at the Underwood Pool being excluded from the FY10 DPW budget. We have been advised by the Town Administrator to proceed with our preparations for an opening as usual.

- A proposal for a Fencing program was discussed and enthusiastically received by the Commission. We will try to accommodate that program by locating available space for a spring session.

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- Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm