

Minutes
Alton Parks and Recreation Commission
January 11, 2005
A.V.A.S. Public Park, 7:00pm

Members Present: Dave Cumming, Melissa Wells, and William Lionetta.

Staff Present: Kellie Troendle

Call To Order

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30pm.

Approval of Agenda

D. Cumming made a motion to accept the Agenda as presented; motion was seconded by W. Lionetta and passed.

Approval of Minutes 12-14-04

D. Cumming made a motion to approve the Minutes of December 14, 2004 as amended. The motion was seconded by W. Lionetta and passed.

Public Input

1. The ACVT Committee is sponsoring an Alton Information Exchange Meeting on February 17, 2005 at PMHS and the Parks and Recreation Commission was invited to make a presentation about the services they offer and future plans.
2. Keith Jordan from EndorFun Sports is sponsoring a 5K race to benefit the Tsunami Relief. The race is called the "Human Race" and will be held next week.

Old Business

Town Beach- The Board of Selectmen recommended funding one half of the \$75,000.00 CIP request for \$37,500.00 in 2005 and \$37,500.00 in 2006. The Board of Selectmen is in favor of a new Town Beach but did not recommend appropriating \$50,000.00 for a new Town Beach Reserve Fund because the Board said a special meeting would need to be held to purchase a new beach and thought the \$50,000.00 would not cover the expenses so establishing the fund would not meet the needs of the project.

Basketball Program- K. Troendle reported that there are ten teams in the basketball program with 104 players. The program is going well and the players are learning new skills.

Winter Festival- The date was changed from Sunday to Saturday this year due to feedback from people saying they use Sunday as a family day and also the Sunday could be used as an inclement weather day however new feedback has been received saying that people are traveling from NJ, CT, and NY and they will not be able to make the Saturday date because they are still driving to get here. The Commission advised to wait and see how this year goes and we can consider changing the date to Sunday for 2006. D. Cumming presented an idea of ice bowling and the Commission will also

offer ice bowling as an event. D. Cumming also suggested contacting the Lions Club to see if they would be interested in sponsoring Cro-Puckey again this year. K. Troendle reported that the D. J. we have hired in the past is not available for our event. The Commission suggested hiring a different D. J. instead of our Department running the music as we have many things already planned for us to do during the event.

Bay View Pavilion- K. Troendle reported that she asked B. Boyers for his opinion on the Bay View Pavilion and he reported the building is structurally sound, the deck needs to be shoveled when it snows and there is a state approved septic system design. Mr. Boyers said the building would be suitable for our intended use.

Resignation of Fran Washburn- The Commission discussed presenting a plaque to Jim, Fran and Quinn Washburn in recognition of their service to the Parks and Recreation Commission. K. Troendle will order the plaque.

Commission Member Vacancy- K. Troendle said S. McMahon is the Board of Selectmen's representative appointed to serve on the Commission. K. Troendle reported that Shannon Roberts is interested in being on the Commission as a Youth League representative.

New Business

Half-Marathon- The Commission will think of ideas for our Water Station. The Commission agreed that the music is important.

Summer Program Ideas- K. Troendle said the race-timing fee increased \$100.00 to \$700.00 for this year. The Commission discussed increasing the advertising and offering attractive door prizes to increase participation. Also participation could be limited to 275-300 if numbers are high.

Warrant Articles- K. Troendle reported that the Warrant Articles for the Parks and Recreation Department are as follows: Pickup Truck- \$21,000; Boat Docks- \$52,000; Town Beach Improvements- \$37,500 and A.V.A.S. Storage- \$10,000.

Adjournment

D. Cumming made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05pm; motion was seconded by M. Wells and passed. **The next meeting is February 8, 2005 at 7:30pm at A.V.A.S. Public Park.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Kellie Troendle, Certified Park and Recreation Professional
Parks and Recreation Director*