

Minutes
Alton Parks and Recreation Commission
March 21, 2006
A.V.A.S. Public Park, 6:00pm

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

Staff Present: Kellie Troendle

Public: Shannon Roberts, AYBL

Call To Order

Chairman, D. Cumming, called the Meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes 2-7-06

M. Wells made a motion to approve the Minutes of February 7, 2006 as written. The motion was seconded by D. Cumming and passed.

Meeting with Youth League

Shannon Roberts from the Alton Youth Baseball League brought concerns to the Commission for discussion. The Director stated that she had spoken with Diana Rojek earlier in the day about some of the same issues being discussed. It was noted that last year there was an issue with heavy equipment vehicles driving over the established fields creating a visible road. Mrs. Rojek said after the damage was created last year the AYBL spent 2 days repairing the damage. The Parks and Recreation staff said the area was not brought up to the condition that it was in prior to the road being made over the field. At this point the Department has not asked for additional repair work to be completed. Mrs. Roberts discussed the following: *(1) Field Day:* The AYBL wanted to know what was allowed to be completed at the field during their Field Clean Up Day on April 1. The Commission said traditional clean up of the fields and buildings would be greatly appreciated. The Commission noted that damage to the fields this season would need to be repaired if damage occurred. W. Lionetta recommended bringing in the product now while the ground is still hard to help minimize the impact of vehicle damage; *(2) Green Monster:* The condition of the Green Monster fence was discussed. The Director noted that the Parks and Recreation staff recommended that the fence be taken down or repaired before the beginning of the season. The Director stated the fence needs to be taken down and removed or repaired to include replacing the anchoring system and most of the boards because the fence is deteriorating. W. Lionetta recommended a temporary Green Monster fence that can be taken down at the end of the baseball season. The Commission noted the concern is the safety of the structure of the fence and it needs to be attended to. *(3) Snack Shack:* Mrs. Roberts inquired about the possibility of making improvements to the snack shack or having the AYBL construct a new building at the site of the existing snack shack. The Commission recommended that she contact the Alton Building Inspector to find out the guidelines in regard to permits needed. The Director stated that the Board of Selectmen would need to approve the construction of a new building and a written proposal would need to be submitted to the Selectmen for their review. The Commission stated that they are in support of the AYBL efforts to make improvements to the facilities.

Old Business

Town Beach- Article 17 for improvements to the Town Beach passed and the Town engineer is reviewing the original plans and will make recommendations to the Town Administrator for changes to the wall structure if it is needed.

Office Schedule- The Director reviewed the proposed office schedule with the Commission. There will be coverage Monday-Wednesday from 9:00am-12:00pm and Thursday and Friday from 8:45am-2: 45pm for eight weeks. The Commission said they are available to assist the clerk if needed.

Egg Hunt- The Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, April 15, 2006 at Jones Field, weather permitting. The rain/snow location is the Alton Bay Community Center. M. Wells and Josie will be there to help. The times are as follows: Ages 0-3- 9:00am; 4&5 years- 9:30am; 6&7 years- 10:00am and 8&9 years- 10:30am. Volunteers will arrive at 8:00am to help hide eggs.

Canoe Race- The Program leader will supervise and lead the Canoe Race event on Sunday, June 25, 2006 at 10:00am at the Masonic Temple and will have all items prepared for the race. D Cumming said he would contact the Masonic Temple and Alton Auto and ask permission to use the parking lot for the Canoe Race event.

Town Wide Yard Sale- Residents can register for the Town Wide Yard Sale scheduled for Saturday, June 3, 2006 until April 17. Maps will be available after May 1, 2006. People interested in participating in the Yard Sale that do not have a residence in Alton may contact the Prospect Mountain High School class of 2009 and purchase a space for \$10 or \$15 with a table.

New Business

AYBL Letter of Request to use Jones Field facilities- W. Lionetta made a motion to approve the AYBL request to use the Jones Field Recreation Area fields as written; M. Wells seconded the motion. The Commission discussed recommending to the AYBL to bring in the material needed for the field repairs while the ground is still hard and to place the material in the best location to help keep the fields in good condition. The Commission noted that the Green Monster fence needs to be taken down and removed for safety reasons if the AYBL will not be repairing the Green Monster fence for the 2006 season.

Parks and Recreation Department Calendar- The Summer Schedule for all department-sponsored events is on the Town web site and the schedule is at the graphic artists for layout. D. Cumming said he would also post the events on Winnepesaukee. Com. The Fireworks are scheduled for July 3, 2006 at 9:20pm and tentatively for Old Home Days on August 12, 2006 at 9:20pm- the Town Administrator is waiting to hear back on the date.

Softball League- The Adult Softball League begins June 26 at the Alton Central School; we will also be renting the fields in New Durham to accommodate the season schedule. The first coaches meeting is April 11, 2006 at 6:30pm at the Alton Town Hall to review the season schedule and league rules. The second meeting will be May 16, 2006 at 6:30pm at the Alton Town Hall to collect waiver forms, registration fees and make any changes to the rules. Thomas is not returning this year and the Director is waiting to hear back from another team. The Commission discussed using the same schedule as 2005 if 8 teams return since the schedule is broken down with each team playing in the two locations against all teams equally. The director reported that umpires would need to be hired for the two fields.

Big Lake Aid Station- The Commission is interested in sponsoring the aid station again this year and noted that a different location would be good to try this year. K. Troendle will confirm the new station location and will e-mail the members the information.

Program Staff- The Director presented candidates for the Summer Program staff positions. The Program leader position is \$9.50 per hour and the Program Assistant position is \$7.00 per hour. Payroll authorization forms were signed for three new staff members. The funds to cover the summer program positions are raised through program user fees and are part of the Recreation Revolving Fund, which is overseen by the Commission.

Other

Town Public Boat Docks- D. Cumming noted that there are bicycle tracks on the old boat docks and recommended posting signage in regard to the Town Ordinance to inform people riding bikes on the docks that it is prohibited and to also aid in the enforcement of the Ordinance for the Police Department.

Summer Events- W. Lionetta said he would let Tracy know that the Department would like to order shirts for the summer events to include the Canoe Race and 5K Road Race so Tracy can start thinking about designs for the event shirts.

Adjournment

W. Lionetta made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30pm; motion was seconded by M. Wells and passed. **The next meeting is April 18, 2006 at 6:00pm at A.V.A.S. Public Park.**

Respectfully submitted,

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