

**Minutes**  
**Alton Parks and Recreation Commission**  
**May 18, 2010**  
**A.V.A.S. Building, 7:00pm**

Members Present: Cathy Burke, Elizabeth Shelton, William Lionetta, Gerry Theodora and Cydney Johnson.

Public: Steve Renner and Ray Johnson

Staff Present: Kellie Troendle

***Call To Order***

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by W. Lionetta.

***Approval of Agenda***

The Approval of the Minutes was moved to the end of the meeting in anticipation of G. Theodora arriving later in the meeting and being able to approve the minutes.

***Old Business***

Half Marathon- The director reported that the Parks and Recreation Department received first place for the water station theme. The Commission discussed the experience as being positive and the location was easier then the location last year. The Commission discussed having signs that indicated Water and Gatorade so runners knew what was available for them at the station.

Face Book- The Commission discussed the value of posting Parks and Recreation Department programs and activities on Face Book. W. Lionetta offered to post the body of the press release text and monitor the postings. The Commission discussed having a link to Face Book from the Town of Alton website.

Adult Softball Program- The next coaches' meeting is Tuesday, June 8 at the Museum at 6:30pm where coaches will submit their team rosters, signed paperwork and registration fees. The Commission discussed the size of the league and being down to six teams and challenges with teams not returning and not informing the department so the department was not able to offer the spaces to other community teams or residents. The Commission discussed the age limit of the league and the increasing competitiveness of the league, an idea was to offer a 30+league.

***New Business***

Alton Youth Baseball League- The Commission reviewed the AYBL plans for field improvements. The AYBL has 177 players/15 teams this season. C. Johnson spoke of the priority to improve the Rookie Field in order to provide an additional field to help accommodate the large number of teams. C. Johnson reported that the construction of the field would be donated and the field would be built to proper standards (size and dimensions). The long range plan was discussed, as a follow up to the work session in April, and discussion included moving the snack shack, batting cages and perhaps adding an additional small field. The Youth League has the interest and volunteers to do the work and is interested in making improvements to the facility. C. Johnson made a motion that the Parks

and Recreation Commission support the upgrade and improvements to the Rookie Field- with work to be completed by the AYBL and that the Rookie Field plan be submitted to the Board of Selectmen by the AYBL for review and consideration. The motion was seconded by E. Shelton and passed. K. Troendle reported that she is meeting with Rodney Stockman and Cindy Balcius to review the wetlands considerations at Jones Field on May 27 at 6:15pm. The Commission discussed the security camera purchase and G. Theodora reported the Highway Department is interested in sharing the recorder and he has been watching the prices for the recorder and is waiting for the price to come down before making a purchase.

Lake Host Program- K. Troendle reported that the Town of Alton will be participating in the Lake Host Program. The Town received a \$750.00 matching grant and will be overseeing the program with staff and volunteers at the Town Boat Ramp.

Alton is a Park Map- The Commission discussed the Alton is a Park Map and the improvements it needs before being published. Some of the locations are hard to find and not maintained by the Town of Alton and perhaps should not be listed on the map. C. Johnson made a motion to use the new version of the map; motion was seconded by E. Shelton and passed. The Commission noted that GPS coordinates could also be included and a photo of the site or view from the site with a caption would be an added feature.

Canoe Race Portages- The Commission discussed standardizing the entry/exit point at the portages and marking the portages so they are visible. New racers may not be familiar with the course and the identified areas would be helpful.

5K Race Traffic- The Commission discussed ways to improve the traffic flow and control during the 5K Road Race in August. It was suggested that volunteers wear vests labeled “Event Staff” so they are seen as an authority and to promote safety. The Commission discussed working together with the Alton Police to develop a plan that would address the concerns of vehicles and runners using the same road.

### *Other*

Public Restrooms- K. Troendle presented an email that was received in regard to the public restrooms and suggestion to put in a step stool so children could wash their hands. The Commission discussed the suggestion and noted that the stool may have the potential to cause injuries as well and considered it a liability concern. No decision was made.

Canoe Race Sponsor- Parker Marine did not renew the sponsorship of the Canoe Race. River Run Deli will be donating prizes and the use of their launch facility and parking lot for the race and will be the race sponsor.

Race T-shirts- The Commission discussed race shirts for upcoming events and the different styles/types of material for shirts. It was noted the tech shirt is popular for running events and may be preferable for future races.

Bike Rodeo- The Bike Rodeo is co-sponsored with the Alton Police Department and is Saturday, May 22 from 10:00am-2:00pm at Alton Central School. There will be a bike safety course, K-9 demonstration and more. River Run Deli is donating lunch to the event staff.

Approval of Minutes- February 11, 2010- E. Shelton made a motion to accept the Minutes of February 11, 2010 as presented; motion was seconded by C. Burke and passed. March 16, 2010- C. Johnson made a motion to approve the Minutes of March 16, 2010; motion was seconded by C. Burke and passed. Work Session of April 20, 2010- The members present reviewed the notes and determined they were accurate.

***Adjournment***

G. Theodora made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40pm; motion was seconded by E. Shelton and passed. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 23, 2010 at 7:00pm at AVAS.

*Respectfully submitted,*

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

APPROVED