

**Minutes**  
**Alton Parks and Recreation Commission**  
**October 23, 2008**  
**A.V.A.S. Building, 6:30pm**

Members Present: William Lionetta, Gerry Theodora, Cydney Johnson, Peter Bolster.

Staff Present: Kellie Troendle

***Call To Order***

W. Lionetta called the Meeting to order at 6:45pm.

***Approval of Agenda***

G. Theodora made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented; motion was seconded by W. Lionetta and passed.

***Approval of Minutes 9-25-08***

W. Lionetta made a motion to approve the Minutes of September 25, 2008, motion was seconded by G. Theodora and passed.

***Public Input***

There was no public input.

***Old Business***

Flag Football- The Commission discussed sponsoring the Flag Football Program next season: August-October 2009. The Director will contact Liz Shelton regarding the sponsorship of the program and the next steps for the Flag Football parents to take which is compiling a list of skills the players will learn over the season. The Commission discussed that coaches would need to complete background checks and that the program would be covered under the Towns Liability Insurance. The Commission noted that the Town does not provide personal injury insurance for the players.

Dog Park- The Director reported that she has not heard back from Mrs. Mitchell in regard to a volunteer group working on establishing a Dog Park and their plan for the Town to consider. The Commission noted that a meeting was held at the Gilman Library in regard to the Dog Park idea and also that they have heard positive feedback from dog owners about an interest in the Dog Park.

Halloween Happenings- The PTSA and Parks and Recreation Department will be co-sponsoring an event at the Alton Central School on Friday, October 31, 2008 from 4:00pm-5:00pm. The event will include games and a costume parade and contest with judges from the Fire and Police Departments. Trick or Treat is scheduled for the same night from 5:00pm-7:00pm. Parks and Recreation will be handing out yo-yo's for the children.

Youth Basketball Update- The Commission discussed the Recreation Basketball program and some of the challenges in regard to limited gym time at the Alton schools. The Commission agreed that all children should be able to play in the basketball program that register before the deadline and to not limit the number of registrations; if that creates larger than ideal teams, the program will have to accommodate the larger teams. C. Johnson suggested informing the parents on the registration form

that it is possible that teams may be larger because of the limited gym space but the program will try to ensure that players get equal playing time throughout the season. The Commission suggested contacting Barnstead and New Durham to see if their gyms would be available for rent to help offer space for the weekday practice times. The Commission also suggested contacting Prospect Mountain High School to see if they had any available gym time during the week before their games or if their teams were playing at an away game.

Open Gym-The Commission suggested sponsoring an open gym program one evening per week. The program would have adult supervision and kids, adults and families would be invited to participate by playing games, or team sports. A schedule would be made in advance of the activity and people would drop in and sign a waiver form. The Commission suggested offering the program for two hours (8:00pm-10:00pm- after the school programs are over) and perhaps charging a fee to cover any expenses. The Director noted that school security, keys/codes and one person accountable for supervision would be needed. W. Lionetta expressed interest in being involved with the program.

### ***New Business***

Non-Public Session- The Commission voted to enter into Non-Public Session pursuant to RSA 91A:3, II (a) (c) (e). The members were polled: G. Theodora- yes; C. Johnson-yes; P. Bolster- yes and W. Lionetta-yes. A request was received and discussed for the Parks and Recreation Department to sponsor two participants for a travel basketball team program. The Commission noted that the requested program was out of Alton and Alton is providing the same recreational activity through its Recreation Program. W. Lionetta made a motion to accept the request of the scholarship request, motion was seconded by P. Bolster and passed. The Commission voted to deny the request because it is outside of the current scholarship guidelines and recommended that the family contact the Rotary Club or other organization in Town that may be able to offer assistance. C. Johnson made a motion to come out of Non-Public Session, motion was seconded by P. Bolster and members were polled: G. Theodora-yes; C. Johnson-yes; P. Bolster-yes and W. Lionetta-yes.

Winter Programs- The Commission discussed sponsoring cross country skiing and/or snow shoeing one day per week. The Commission also discussed sponsoring a Family Skating Night with a bonfire across from the Alton Fire Department on Rte. 140. The events could be advertised on the cable channel, fliers to the school and a press release story by the Alton reporter in the Baysider with people to also email their suggestions for other winter programs they would like to see.

### ***Other***

Life Guard Chairs- The Commission discussed the location of the Life Guard Chairs for the winter season and recommended that they be stored away from the Swimming facilities. They also suggested that the chairs be stored at AVAS and covered for the winter.

Boat Launch- P. Bolster reported that the Town received an anonymous donation to pave the Echo Point Boat Launch, which the Town of Alton owns. The area would be patrolled by the Police more and the Town will be posting signs in regard to parking areas.

Parks and Recreation Commission Members- Cathy Burke was appointed to the Parks and Recreation Commission as a member and Elizabeth Shelton was appointed to the Commission as an alternate

member. The Director will contact the new members and inform them of the next meeting date and information about being sworn in as a member.

***Adjournment***

W. Lionetta made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm; motion was seconded by C. Johnson and passed. The next meeting will be Thursday, November 20 at 6:30pm at AVAS.

*Respectfully submitted,*

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

APPROVED