

SALEM RECREATION COMMISSION  
SALEM, CONNECTICUT  
MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 18, 2011

Present

Al Giansanti            Pam Henry  
Bob Appleby           Rich Cirillo  
Kim Bingham           Peter Lee  
Sue Spang/Chairperson  
Diane Weston/Recording Secretary

Absent

Jim Burke  
Dave Kennedy

Guests

Don Bourdeau

Call to order:

Chairperson Sue Spang called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

1. Minutes:

M/S (Lee/Appleby) to approve the November minutes as presented.

Correction to minutes:

Page 3, 6. Old Business a. Baseball –A. Giansanti informed the Commission baseball will be modifying 2 dugouts, not 4.

M/S/C (Appleby/Cirillo) to approve the November minutes as amended. Vote: unanimous

2. Treasurer's Report:

No treasury report presented. S.Spang reported some payments have been made for the Tree Lighting.

3. Public Comment/Guests/Correspondence:

a. Don Bourdeau Report:

D. Bourdeau asked if the parking lots for RHR & Music Vale Road should be plowed. S.Spang said Music Vale Road should be plowed. She also asked if more rocks could be placed to the right side of the fence, the stone wall and the sign. This will prevent vehicles from entering the multi-purpose path.

The outside lights on the concession stand have been on more than he thinks it should be.

B. Appleby will inquire about having the lights adjusted.

All Recreation facilities will have one key for all of the locks. Keys will be distributed to the residents that would need access to these areas.

The pipe will be replaced on the soccer field at RHR. D. Bourdeau has the funds for covering the cost in Public Works capital budget.

D. Bourdeau asked if coverings for fence railings on the fields could be purchased due to safety reasons. A. Giansanti will check with Jaypro for expense of the covering.

4. Additions and Revisions:

None

5. New Business:

a. Baseball and Soccer Funds Review

A. Giansanti presented the budget and treasury report for baseball. He stated they increased fees this year to help cover expenses. 260 children participated in the regular league play with 60 children in the fall league. The funds given to baseball help to cover their expense of Field/First Aid Equipment.

B. Appleby presented the budget and treasury report for soccer. The funds received by the Commission get used by submittal of bills to be paid as items are needed. 200 children participated in regular league play and 160 children participated in the fall league.

b. 2011 Budget

The Recreation Budget will have no increase this year. S. Spang will add to the Capital Budget the parking lot at RHR, and Forsyth Road. D. Bourdeau will inquire about pricing for the projects.

c. 2011 Meeting Dates

The 2011 meeting dates have been recorded with the town clerk (see attached).

M/S/C (Appleby/Lee) to approve the 2011 Meeting Dates. Vote: Unanimous

d. Recreation Clerk Report

D. Weston reported Zumba class will take place starting January 24. The demo class had 40 participants. After school programs are very slow to start. Not enough students' sign up to have the class take place. Various ideas of getting the word out about programs and the town website were discussed.

6. Old Business

- a. Tree Lighting – The event went well. There were problems with lights; some had broken and wiring was frayed. The tree is not easy to put lights on due to its' height and large gaps between limbs. S. Spang suggested replacing it with another tree. It will have to be presented to the BOS asking to be removed and another tree planted. Due to the tree being in a public area, it will have to be posted for removal.

M/S/C (Appleby/Lee) The evergreen tree used for the past tree lightings be replaced with a smaller evergreen. Vote: unanimous

- b. Forsyth Road – Work was done in the fall on the fields. More will be done in the spring.
- c. Baseball- Guest Bob Banker asked for field use for a team that his son will be playing on. S. Spang informed him to present his paperwork and fee; it is first come, first served. Colchester will be given priority to use the fields.  
The fee is \$300.00 for 12 uses.  
The dates for SYBL signups are listed on the Community Calendar.
- d. Soccer- 60 people attended the “Turkey Cup” on Thanksgiving morning. There will be an “Easter Cup” this year on Easter morning. All ages may attend.
- e. Basketball- Mary Durkee will not be running the basketball program in the fall. R. Cirillo will contact the physical education teacher at Salem School to see if he is interested in taking the program over.
- f. Tennis – R. Cirillo will attempt to run a doubles program over the summer.
- g. Multi-purpose Path - S. Spang informed the Commission that the path is being used during all seasons.

7. Other Business

A town meeting will be held this Wednesday at the Salem School concerning the school renovation. Members are urged to attend.

S. Spang will inform members when the BOF meeting dates will be. Commissions are urged to attend.

8. Future Action Items

- a. Disc Golf
- b. Skate Board Park
- c. Disorderly Parents/Coaches

9. Adjournment

M/S/C (Appleby/Henry) to adjourn the meeting at 8:45pm. Vote: unanimous