

SALEM RECREATION COMMISSION  
SALEM, CONNECTICUT  
MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 23, 2015

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*Stacy Alligood*  
Asst Town Clerk

Present

Pam Henry                      Bob Appleby  
Dave Kennedy                 Al Giansanti  
Crispin Fresco-Hawes  
Sue Spang/Chairperson  
Diane Weston/Recording Secretary

Absent

Jim Burke Doug Morrow

Guests

Jason LaBonte                 Art Bergman

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**1. MINUTES:**

M/S/C (Henry/Kennedy) to approve the December 15, 2014 minutes as presented.  
**Vote: Approved unanimous.**

**2. TREASURER'S REPORT:**

No report.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT/GUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE:**

None

**4. ADDITIONS AND REVISIONS**

None

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Eagle Scout Project: Jason LaBonte**

Life Scout Jason LaBonte from Troop 123 presented the Commission with handouts for his Eagle Scout project. He is proposing to strip and reroof four dugouts (2 major field, 2 softball field) at the Round Hill Road complex. A quote was obtained from UBS for materials and Jason will secure the proper building permits from the Town of Salem. The work will be completed on the weekends.

**M/S/C (Henry/Giansanti) to approve the amount not to exceed \$1400.00 for Jason LaBonte's Eagle Scout Project.**  
**Vote: all approved.**

**b. Discussion of School Use/Child Supervision**

Discussion took place on siblings/unsupervised children during recreation programs.

**c. Budget Discussion**

S. Spang reported the BOF was presented a flat budget for the 2015/2016 budget. There are two capital requests: one is an 80% reimbursable grant for the multipurpose path, the second is the well for Forsyth Road. Both are on the 10 yr. plan.

**d. Advertising at Fields/Concession Stand**

See 6 b. Baseball

**e. East Lyme Youth Basketball Offer**

S. Spang read an email from the treasurer of the ELYB league. The organization thanked Salem Recreation for the partnership for basketball this season. They offered to purchase basketball rims for the nets as a thank you. The Commission agreed to except their offer.

**f. Recreation Clerk Report**

D. Weston reported the Lego program, Performing Arts, music lessons and outdoor hockey will be planned for the summer. Tennis may run as soon as the snow melts. An outdoor exercise program for the multipurpose path is also being planned for spring.

**6. OLD BUSINESS**

**a. Volunteer Park – See 5. c Budget Discussion**

**b. Baseball-** (out of order) Art Bergman, Commissioner for SYBL introduced himself to the Commission. He stated the numbers for participants is a challenge. There are 2 major, 1 minor, 3 rookie, ¾ teams tball , 1 softball rookie and 1 softball minor. There is a partnership with Bozrah to form teams. A vice-commissioner is needed for officers. Fees and donation matches were discussed. Use of the concession stand and food vending trucks were discussed. Advertising will be done at the fields with banners. Salem Liquor Store is okay to have an advertisement. Background checks need to be complete, Mr. Bergman stated the same system would be used for this year. April 25 with a rain date of April 26 will be opening day.

**c. Soccer – No report.**

**d. Basketball-** S. Spang reported Art Christen thanked the Commission for use of the gym over the holidays.

**e. Tennis – No report.**

**f. Multi-purpose Path – No report.**

**7. OTHER BUSINESS**

S. Spang mentioned the “Our Town” newspaper will be starting again. She informed the members Recreation will have a dedicated spot in the newspaper and encouraged different Recreation organizations to submit an article.

**8. FUTURE ACTION ITEMS**

- a. Tobacco Free Fields
- b. Discussion of Field Fees

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

**M/S/C (Appleby/Henry) to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 PM. Vote: approved unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted by  
Diane Weston  
Recording Secretary

UNAPPROVED