

# **BRIDGEWATER RECREATION COMMISSION**

## **Meeting Minutes (Unapproved)**

Town Hall

7 p.m.

Thursday, March 11, 2010

Members present: Catherine Vikstrom, Jo Buchholz, John Flaxman, Dawn MacNutt, and Jim Moker

Members absent: Julie Stuart

1. Catherine Vikstrom called the Meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**\*Motion to approve the Minutes from the February 4<sup>th</sup> meeting  
(Re-scheduled from 1/28/10) 2010  
Jo Buchholz motioned John Flaxman seconded.**

**4-0-0**

2. Ann Virbickas – Coordinator’s Report

**Motion to approve the coordinator’s report.  
Catherine Vikstrom motioned and Dawn MacNutt seconded.**

**4-0-0**

### OLD BUSINESS

- a. Pavilion Path Drainage

John Flaxman felt the cost would be minimal to support the proper maintenance of the pathway on a year round basis for residents of Bridgewater. He would like the commission to support and advocate for the path. As a senior, he would like to support it.

Bill Stuart spoke to Catherine regarding the path. Bill did share that path’s renovations for drainage could be expensive. We felt that experts on drainage might be consulted so we could better advocate regarding the appropriateness of renovations.

- b. Process Plan

We brainstormed 25 areas. Jo Buchholz will disseminate and review at our next meeting.

- c. Tennis Proposal

Dawn MacNutt and John Flaxman have proposals for tennis courts.

- d. Bridgewater Basketball Update (Postponed to March 25th)

- e. Shepaug Soccer Club

Dean Aita wants to coach Zone in the spring on Wednesday nights for the youngest of players starting in mid-April on our fields in Bridgewater.

f. Summer Camp Committee Meeting (Sub-Committee Meeting at 6:00 p.m)

Dawn MacNutt resigned from summer camp. Jo Buchholz felt that unless high quality supervisory personnel could be obtained she elected to eliminate camp this year as the time commitment from volunteers was too great and she had a concern about the quality and safety of the campers in town. Catherine Vikstrom will post the job for the supervisory position in area papers and agreed to write a PTO announcement to allow parents to make alternative plans if they so choose. Special events, sports camps and other outside independent vendors will be explored by Jo, Dawn and Catherine in the coming weeks as possible alternatives to the camp this summer if leadership can not be found to run the camp this year. Jo Buchholz has also shared her desire to resign from the summer camp as well.

g. ByLaws

The ordinances established the amount of members could not be increased until a town meeting ratified and amended to increase those members. Jo Buchholz felt more members helped those spread too thin. John Flaxman felt sub-committees allowed more flexibility to citizens who would like to advocate for certain recreation areas but did not want to serve on the commission.

Motion: Catherine Vikstrom motioned that instead of pursuing additional members at this time we try to develop volunteer sub-committees to work on programs and maintenance for areas of recreation.

Catherine Vikstrom motioned, Jim Moker seconded

5-0-0

It was decided to discuss attendance at our annual meeting in August when we adjusted our bylaws.

**NEW BUSINESS**

a. Heidi Verdi-Bridgewater Road Race

Heidi apologized that she was unable to attend. She said she would like to target Memorial Day 2011 for a future road race. She said she would like to contact Taryn Barkus if someone could provide her with a phone number.

b. Dog waste -postponed March 25<sup>th</sup>

**Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.**

**Motioned by John Flaxman, seconded by Dawn MacNutt**

**5-0-0**

Submitted by Jo Buchholz, Secretary 3-11-10