

The Waterford Recreation and Parks Commission held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 27, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. in the Community Center. Vice Chair Murphy presided.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Cs. Murphy, Kanabis, Erricson, Whelan, Worobey, Bruccoli, Gardner

MEMBERS ABSENT: Cs. Scheiber, Wielchowski

STAFF: Director Flaherty, Assistant Director McNamara, Program Coordinator Sullivan

GUESTS: Mr. Glidden, Finance Rep., Mr. McFee

MOTION #1: Made by C. Whelan, seconded by C. Kanabis to approve the minutes of the August meeting as received. Motion carried 7-0.

Vice Chair Murphy introduced the new commissioner, Rich Erricson.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: Mr. McFee, who was the concession owner for Waterford Beach Park this past summer. He reported that his experience at the beach was very successful. He spoke to the members regarding next year's bid for the concession and about different items he would like to introduce.

CORRESPONDENCE was placed on file.

MOTION #2: Made by C. Worobey, seconded by C. Whelan to approve the re-revised "Property Use Request for Waterford School Facilities/Fields" form, as approved by the Town Attorney. A discussion was held. Motion carried 7-0.

All expenditures/revenues reports were placed on file.

STAFF REPORTS: All reports were placed on file. In addition, The Director spoke on the paper work being completed for damages and losses as a result of hurricane "Irene". Much snow fencing, buoys and boardwalks were either damaged or lost. He also reported that the generator for the Community Center is being worked on and should be connected soon.

The Assistant Director spoke to the members regarding the reviewing of applications for the part-time custodian for the Center. A decision should be made by next week. He also discussed a request from the Youth Football League regarding portable lights at Waterford Beach Park for the month of October. A lengthy discussion was held with the members regarding the lights and also the use of fields within the Town.

MOTION #3: Made by C. Worobey, seconded by C. Gardiner to approve the request from the Waterford Youth Football League to use portable lights at Waterford Beach Park for the month of October for practices as a temporary measure for the requested month of 10/11. Discussion was held. Motion carried 7-0.

A discussion was held regarding the contractual services for the school grounds. The Vice-Chair advised the staff to have monthly reports on file. A discussion was held.

The Program Coordinator reported that the Winter/Spring booklet will be going to print the middle of October and if anyone had any requests to be included to contact her as soon as possible. She reported that the bathroom facilities at Dedrick Field are moving forward. She spoke to the members regarding the letter she has sent to School Superintendent Belair regarding the pool at Waterford High School. A lengthy discussion was held regarding the R/P Commission programs that have been cancelled since April and the many calls from residents as to when they can expect to get back into the pool. She will be meeting with him in the next few weeks and will report back to the members.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

~ Recreation Programs: The Men's Softball League is in their final games and should be finished by the first of October.

~ Co-Sponsored Programs: A discussion was held concerning different youth sport groups utilizing existing fields. It was the consensus of the Commission to forward this to the Youth Sports Council.

~ Nominating Committee: C. Whelan reported that the committee has made the following nominations;

Chair: Edward Murphy

Vice Chair: Susan Gardiner

MOTION #4: Made by C. Worobey, seconded by C. Erricson to approve the nominations for new officers for the Recreation and Parks Commission as presented. Motion carried 5-0, with 2 abstentions by C. Murphy and C. Gardiner.

OLD BUSINESS: Vice Chairman Murphy requested the staff to continue reviewing the request for an "all day" child care program for the summer.

MOTION #5: Made by C. Worobey, seconded by C. Whelan to adjourn. So voted 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Nolan, Secretary
Recreation and Parks Commission