

SALEM RECREATION COMMISSION  
SALEM, CONNECTICUT  
MEETING MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 21, 2011

Present

Rich Cirillo                      Bob Appleby  
Dave Kennedy                  Peter Lee  
Sue Spang/Chairperson

Diane Weston/Recording Secretary

Absent

Jim Burke                              Pam Henry  
Kim Bingham                          Al Giansanti

Guests

Donald Bourdeau

Call to order:

Chairperson Sue Spang called the meeting to order at 7:05PM.

1. Minutes:

**M/S/C (Cirillo/Appleby) to approve the September minutes as presented.**

**Vote: approved unanimously.**

2. Treasurer's Report:

No report.

3. Public Comment/Guests/Correspondence:

a. Don Bourdeau Report:

The drainage is working well at the RHR soccer field.

P. Lee mentioned the outfield warning track at the RHR field is washing out. D.Bourdeau stated the infield will need work.

The nets are still up at the tennis courts.

S. Spang asked B. Appleby if the extra goals at the Gadbois property and the RHR Complex are being used. B. Appleby informed the Commission the soccer club does not use them, he will send out an email to see if anyone has a use for them, they can have them if they pick them up.

D. Bourdeau informed the Commission a ramp by the bus parking will be installed to the lower parking lot. Also, crosswalks will be installed to direct foot traffic to use the ramp.

4. Additions & Revisions

Items to be added to the Agenda:

- d. Eagle Scout Project for Baseball
- e. Lion's Club Plants & Shrubs
- f. Skating Rink
- g. Basketball Gym Time

5. New Business

a. Holiday Tree Lighting

Saturday, December 3, 2011 at 4:00pm will be the tree lighting on the Salem Town Green. S. Spang will check with the Salem Volunteer Fire Company to see if Santa will arrive on a fire truck. She will also take care of the decorations and contact the 8<sup>th</sup> grade for help. R. Cirillo will pick up 300 donuts and the hot chocolate; P. Henry will pick up the paper goods and apple cider; P. Lee will pick up 100 candy canes.

The new blue spruce tree has been planted; it is meant to be cut down when it is too big to decorate.

D. Weston will distribute flyers to the day care centers. Residents may bring a bird friendly, biodegradable ornament to decorate the tree.

b. Approve Meeting Dates for 2012

The proposed 2012 Meeting Dates are:

January 23, February 27, March 19, April 16, May 21, June 18, July 16, August 20, September 17, October 15, November 19, and December 17.

All meetings will be held at Salem Town Hall, Conference Room 2.

**M/S/C (Appleby/Lee) to accept the 2012 Meeting Dates as presented. Vote: approved unanimously.**

c. Recreation Clerk Report

Zumba is taking place now; there will be another session after the first of the year.

There are a few after school programs taking place now. We hope to continue them after the first of the year.

If children attend adult classes with parents, it has been asked by the school that the children remain in the same room as where the class is being held. They cannot be in other areas of the building unattended.

d. Eagle Scout Project for Baseball

David Kennedy is considering constructing a new press box for the Major League field for his Eagle Scout project. Discussion took place concerning the footprint of the box and the condition of the box. S. Spang asked if David could bring examples of other press boxes for the meeting in December.

e. Lion's Club Plants and Shrubs

Plants and shrubs were planted by the Salem Lion's Club at the RHR Complex, Volunteer Park on Forsyth Road, and the entrance to the Multi-Purpose Path on Music Vale Road.

S. Spang discussed with the Commission the area around the batting cage needs to be cleaned up, plantings that are overgrown need to be removed. Don Bourdeau discussed trees will need to be removed for the line of sight at the entrance to the parking lot and along Round Hill Road; it is a safety issue.

f. Skating Rink

First Selectman Kevin Lyden has discussed with S. Spang the possibility of installing a portable ice skating rink by the pavilion on the town owned Gadbois property on Norwich Road.

Don Bourdeau expressed concern about getting volunteers to clean the ice when it snows.

g. Basketball Gym Time

Chris Pugliese informed S. Spang over 80 children signed up for Recreation Basketball. This will require use of the gym for all day on Saturdays. Chris asked if the time for gym use could be changed from 8:00am to 4:00pm to 9:00am to 5:00pm. B. Appleby will submit new school use forms.

Art Christen will be informed by S. Spang to submit registration forms for the older age group. Their gym time will be on Sundays.

6. Old Business

a. Forsyth Road – B. Appleby informed the Commission the electrical work has been completed. Fill is being used for the parking lot.

b. Baseball- S. Spang requested the concession stand be shut down after tournament play which is mid-August. This will alleviate any problems for the public works crew when they close the building for the season. The concession stand will be worked on over the winter.

Don Bourdeau will check on pricing for installation of automatic locks on the bathroom doors.

D. Kennedy informed the Commission three players Sean Mulholand, James Barrows and Kyle Anthony will be honored on December 4 at a pot luck dinner for being in the Salem Youth Baseball League for 18 years.

There is a survey that has gone out to parents on Survey Monkey concerning issues in the baseball league; i.e. drop in enrollment, coaching, etc.

A pole on the batting cage has been damaged; the netting is down.

There is a clinic for softball pitching.

January will be registration for the 2012 season.

c. Soccer- The annual Thanksgiving Day Turkey Cup will start at 9:00am at Volunteer Park on Forsyth Road.

B. Appleby will nominate one boy, one girl and one adult for an award to be presented at East Lyme High School.

d. Basketball- See page 3, g. Basketball Gym Time

e. Tennis – The nets are still up, the courts are still being used.

f. Multi-purpose Path – No report.

7. Other Business

None

8. Future Action Items

- a. Ice Skating Rink
- b. Signs

9. Adjournment

**M/S/C (Cirillo/Appleby) to adjourn the meeting at 8:55pm. Vote: approved unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted by  
Diane Weston  
Recording Secretary