

**SALEM RECREATION COMMISSION**

**SALEM, CONNECTICUT**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**November 16, 2009**

**Present**

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

**Absent**

Jim Burke      Al Giansanti  
Kim Bingham      Joe Dalton

**Guests**

Don Bordeau  
See Attached List

**Call to order:**

Chair person Sue Spang called the meeting to order at 7:06pm.

**1. Minutes:**

**M/S/C (Lee/Henry) to approve October minutes. Vote: Unanimous**

**2. Treasurer's Report:**

**M/S/C (Henry/Lee) to approve Treasurer's Report as presented. Vote: All approved.**

**3. Public Comment/Guests/Correspondence:**

Mary and Christine Durkee reported on the recreation basketball program. 81 students are participating. The Saturday programs are as follows:

- K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade are playing from 9:00am to 10:30am.
- 4-5<sup>th</sup> grade are playing from 10:45am to 12:00pm.
- 4, 5, 6<sup>th</sup> grade travel team
- 7 & 8<sup>th</sup> grade team
- 2 high school teams from 12:00pm to 2:00pm.

Sunday programs play from 10:00am to 12:30pm, and 12:30pm to 2:00pm.

Background checks are being done on all coaches. A copy of registrations and rosters will be given to Recreation Commission. Organization and structure of the program will proceed.

Don Bordeau Report:

D. Bordeau informed B. Appleby soccer stakes are in the snack stand.

The water has been shut off at the snack stand.

60 yards of compost will be delivered for the top dressing at the RHR soccer field. There should be enough left over to fix the baseball fields.

The soccer field has been aerated.

The signs are up at the tennis complex. Nets will be taken down and gates will be locked on December 1.

Drainage on the soccer field will be worked on.

Public works will work on the concession stand over the winter.

The security video tape should be checked to insure it is lined up and working properly.

#### **4. Additions and Revisions:**

Rich Cirillo will give Diane Weston dates for a ski trip.

Discussion took place concerning gym time use and time slots that were available. Volleyball is wondering if any time was open on Sunday. It looks as though Sunday from 4:00pm to 6:00pm might be available.

Anyone requesting gym time from the Recreation Commission needs to go through the proper channels.

It is the consensus of the Commission that the softball pitching program that meets on Tuesday and Thursday evenings has not been opened up to eligible players in the age group. An email was sent to the coach outlining the proper channels and requirements for a "rec program". B. Appleby stated that he thought the coach was the new SYBL contact for arranging gym time.

#### **5. New Business:**

##### **a. Hunting on Gadbois Property**

Discussion took place about the hunting on the Gadbois property. All Commission members did not think it was acceptable to allow hunting on town owned properties.

S.Spang asked the subject be put on the BOS agenda last week. The First Selectman did not want this done; he asked a letter be written to have the item added for December's BOS agenda. S. Spang attended the November BOS meeting, the subject was brought up along and the hunters were invited by B. Ross, First Selectman to provide facts on the safety of bow hunting. S.Spang presented the BOS with a packet containing past meeting minutes of the Land Use Committee stating it was discussed land should be posted for "No Hunting, No Motorized Vehicles".

As of right now, all permission for hunting on the Gabois Property have been rescinded by the First Selectman.

S.Spang will need to attend the next BOF meeting to answer questions about how the trail grant was been administrated. The BOF is proposing the Public Works should be reimbursed for work done on the trail by grant money.

The December BOF meeting is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month. Commission members were asked to attend if possible.

**M/S/C: (Lee/Henry) to recommend to the Board of Selectman that hunting be prohibited on town owned land where there is a reasonable expectation of passive/active and/or organized recreational activities. Vote: Approved Unanimously**

**b. Basketball League**

See Public Comment.

**c. Tree Lighting**

Holiday tree lighting will take place on December 6<sup>th</sup> at 4pm at the Salem Town Green. The middle school chorus will sing, 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be elves. Donuts, cider, hot chocolate will be served. S. Spang will contact John Cassidy about Santa.

**d. Halloween 2010**

S.Spang will contact residents to see if they would like to form a committee for this.

**e. Press Box Update**

P. Lee informed the committee that stairs will be flipped on the press box, more surface area is needed for the doorway due to the wind restrictions. Tom Gillespie will redraw the press box

**f. 10 Year Forsyth Plan**

The plan passed Inland/Wetlands, S. Spang will submit the P&Z application.

**g. Recreation Clerk Report**

Diane Weston reported exercise classes are in progress. A bus trip to Vermont/sleigh ride will be planned along with a ski trip. A multipurpose sport camp was discussed and will be put on the calendar for July.

**6. Old Business:**

**a. Baseball** – P. Henry report Al Giansanti is still president.

**b. Soccer**- postponed until November.

**c. Basketball** – postponed until November.

**d. Multi Purpose Path** – The path is 10' starting at Music Vale over 2 wetland crossings. Special thanks to public works for all of their hard work.

**7. Other Business**

S. Spang reminded everyone to please do the on-line survey.

**8. Adjournment:**

**M/S/C (Cirillo/Appleby) to adjourn meeting at 9:05pm. Vote: Unanimous**

Respectfully Submitted

Diane Weston

Recording Secretary