

SALEM RECREATION COMMISSION
SALEM, CONNECTICUT
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 16, 2016

Present

Sue Spang Chairperson
David Kennedy Vice-Chairperson
Bob Appleby
Al Giansanti
Pam Henry
Diane Weston/Recording Secretary

Absent

Crispin Fresco-Hawes
Doug Morrow
Vacancy

CALL TO ORDER:

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

1. MINUTES:

M/S/C (Weston/Kennedy) to approve the January 25, 2016 minutes as presented.
Vote: Approved unanimous.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT:

S. Spang reported checks have been sent to SYBL and Salem Soccer.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT/GUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE:

S. Spang reported Don Bourdeau's mother passed away.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. Scoreboard

D. Kennedy reported the meter socket and conduit has been inspected. The support beams are being worked on for the scoreboard. It is hoped that it will be ready for opening day.

b. Recreation Clerk Resignation

S. Spang reported the First Selectman had been asked to contact the third person interviewed to see if there is any interest in the position. Members are concerned about the lack of communication between the town hall and the Recreation Commission. The Commission will send a letter to the First Selectman asking for better communication when issues or messages come up concerning recreation.

c. Discuss Capital Expenditures

The facilities at Forsyth Road (Volunteer Park) were discussed. The Capital expenditure for Part 1 (well) passed and was approved for the 2014/2015 budget.
Part 2 (septic) & Part 3 (pavilion & storage/concession) was not recommended by the Board of Selectmen to be funded during their 10 yr. Capital Plan review for the 2016/2017 and 2017/2018.
The Board of Finance supported the Board of Selectmen recommendation and removed the project from the 10 yr. Capital Plan.

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S. Spang stated the well is funded from the 2015/2016 budget; it was suggested by the BOS and BOF to put the money towards a pavilion. She stated the BOS and the BOF had issues with the proposed bathrooms and cleaning of the facilities. It was made clear to the BOF that the bathrooms were cleaned by volunteers. Spang did tell the BOF a compromise could be made concerning the pavilion and bathrooms; she was told by the BOF the project is totally off the 10 yr Capital Plan and she would need to come back to the BOF in the fall and justify the request. The septic system estimate from Jacobson was reviewed.

**M/S/C (Appleby/Kennedy) to amend the Capital request for the septic system from \$27,000 to \$23,000.
Vote: Approved unanimously.**

The expense of a “high end” port-o-potty (with a sink for washing hands) over 20 years would be approximately \$70,000 at today’s pricing.

The Commission will research costs for pavilions, bathrooms and storage structures.

**M/S/C (Kennedy/Henry) to approach CLA Engineering for the design of the well.
Vote: Approved unanimously.**

d. Change date for April Meeting to April 19th

M/S/C (Giansanti/Appleby) to change the meeting date from April 18, 2016 to April 19, 2016, Salem Town Hall, Room 2.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

e. Update on Batting Cage

The ground for the poles needs to be compacted. The work will be done weather permitting.

f. Discuss Use of Concession Stand

S. Spang reached out to the Salem Lion’s Club to run the concession stand at Round Hill Road. Dan Holly will present it to the Lion’s at their next meeting.

M/S/C (Appleby/Henry) to offer use of the concession stand at Round Hill Road to the Salem Lion’s Club.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

5. OLD BUSINESS

a. Volunteer Park – See C. Discuss Capital Expenditures

b. Baseball – D. Kennedy stated assessments for players are taking place; there is one more sign up. The registration numbers are down; there will be 1 major, 1 minor, 1 rookie and 1 softball teams. There are 15 players registered for T-ball.

SYBL will combine with East Lyme for Babe Ruth. Discussion took place for field use and the ratio of players on a team. The Commission will ask for a schedule from East Lyme Babe Ruth.

The AAU sheds need to be rekeyed. A list of equipment will be made.

It was discussed for the field use forms to reflect the baseball seasons as April to July and August to October.

M/S/C (Giansanti/Appleby) For the purposes of renting the fields for baseball that the Spring Season shall be the first of April through the last day of July; the Fall Season shall be the first day of August through the last day of October.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

- c. **Soccer** – B. Appleby reported soccer is continuing for a few more weeks.
- d. **Basketball**- No report.
- e. **Tennis** – No report.
- f. **Multi-purpose Path** – S. Spang reported all of the permits are in place. Approvals have been given from CT DEEP; Flood Management; Salem Wetlands and Salem Planning & Zoning.

The first bridge will be over Harris Brook; it will be a three day project this summer. The bridge is 10 x 70 ft. long; it is fiberglass.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

7. FUTURE ACTION ITEMS

- a. Community Ice Skating Rink

8. ADJOURNMENT

M/S/C (Kennedy/Giansanti) to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 PM. Vote: approved unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by
Diane Weston
Member/Recording Secretary