

**DOVER RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES**  
**January 9, 2006**

**I. Call To Order:** Bob Carrier called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**Present:** Gary Bannon, Bob Carrier, Rich Thorpe, Pete Michel, Jon Sibik, Mark Hyson, Joe Tenuta and City Council Liaison Bob Keays.

**Absent:**

**II. Approval of Minutes for December 12, 2005** - Mark Hyson asked for his name to be entered as came to the meeting but was late. Pete Michel made a motion to accept the December 12, 2005 minutes. Jon Sibik seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

**III. Citizen's Forum:** There was no Citizen's Forum tonight.

**IV. Election of Officers** – Rich Thorpe nominated Bob Carrier for Chairman. Bob Carrier accepted the nomination. The vote for Bob Carrier as Chairman passed by a unanimous vote. Jon Sibik nominated Rich Thorpe for Vice Chairman. Rich Thorpe accepted the nomination. The vote for Rich Thorpe as Vice Chairman passed by a unanimous vote. Rich Thorpe nominated Mark Hyson as Secretary. Mark Hyson accepted the nomination. The vote for Mark Hyson as Secretary passed by a unanimous vote.

**V. Reports – Advisory Board** – Jon Sibik asked if the Butterfield sign will stay on the building once the Recreation Department moves to McConnell. Pete Michel asked if any one from the Butterfield family is still around. Bob Carrier stated that Ed Murphy talked to the family and they are still around Dover and would like the name to stay. Rich Thorpe also stated that something should continue to be named after the Butterfield's.

Mark Hyson spoke on behalf of the Dover Youth Softball League and who the Dover Youth Softball League should contact to start the process on field work at Shaw's Lane. Mark stated that Bruce Thorner is now the new President of Dover Youth Softball. Gary Bannon stated that Paul Chalues' office is the one that the league should start talking with. Mark Hyson stated that there has been concerns with the process to get work done on the fields. Mark Hyson also stated that he sees Dover Baseball getting a lot accomplished and is wondering how they get so much done and how do they go about getting it done. Bob Carrier stated that he would be happy to sit down and talk with Bruce Thorner and let him know how Dover Baseball gets things accomplished and who they have worked with in the past.

Mark Hyson handed in a Code of Ethics booklet that he received from the Peabody Recreation Department in Massachusetts. Mark stated that maybe we can use this to help us create a similar Code of Ethics in Dover.

**VI. Reports – Gary Bannon** – Gary Bannon stated that he has spoken with Suzanne Meadows and she is not going to commit yet as a regular member, due to personal reasons and would remain as an alternate.

Gary Bannon stated that the old equipment at Hancock Park is being removed and some of the trees are removed. The fence company is getting ready to put in the rear fence. Gary stated that the Recreation Department will be the general contractor on this project to save money, this way doing the project one element at a time. Hopefully the job will be completed by summer 2006. Gary also stated that he will be having a neighborhood meeting regarding Hancock Park on Tuesday, January 24, 2006 at 7:00 PM at the Dover Ice Arena.

Joe Tenuta entered the meeting at 7:23 PM.

Gary Bannon went on to state that the Sullivan Drive project is going well. The fencing is going to be put up around the playground. However, the climbing wall has to be moved because it is too close to the rest of the playground equipment. There is enough money to finish the project.

The league presidents meeting is scheduled for January 18, 2006 at the McConnell Center at 7:00 PM. Gary also stated there will be a Dover Little Green meeting on January 19, 2006 at 7:00 PM at the McConnell Center.

Gary stated that the Dover Youth Football program is changing their board. The new board has some different ideas than the past board and they may join with the American Football League. Gary also stated that there may be some old members of the Dover Youth Football board that may want to move to the Dover Little Green Board since their children are moving into that program.

Gary stated that the winter basketball programs are running at full speed and going well. He stated that we are maximizing all the gym space we can for the programs.

Gary stated that the McConnell Center funding resolution will be coming up at the next City Council meeting and that the money that is being discussed is requested to be bonded under a specific category for non-profit facilities.

Gary is going to the Northern New England Parks and Recreation Conference in North Conway, NH and will be back on January 11, 2006.

**V. Old Business** – The Senior Advisory Committee met and has 9 regular members and 1 alternate. They have weekly meetings on Friday at 10 AM. Bob Carrier and Pete Michel are co-chairmen for this committee.

The Maglaras Park plan is still in the process stage. Gary Bannon met with the Architect and with Steve Bird, from the Planning Department. The total budget for the project came in at approximately 9 million dollars. Gary stated that since the project came in so high, that he will be moving ahead with out the softball fields in the project plans. In lieu of the softball fields Gary is looking at overflow parking and possibly a dog park. Glen Hill Road has been discussed as an alternate recreation site.

The McConnell Center project is now underway. The Recreation Department is slated to move there in October of 2006. The floor in the gym will need to be totally replaced all the way down to the sub floor.

Rich Thorpe was asked by Mayor Scott Myers to be on the McConnell Renovation Center Project Committee to represent the Recreation Advisory Board. Rich stated that he will call the mayor and find out why the Recreation Director, Gary Bannon could not be on the committee.

**VI. New Business** - Bob Carrier apologized that he had to cancel the Heyliger Awards meeting at his house. He stated he will have everyone's packet out to them this week. We will have a meeting on Monday, January 23, 2006 at 7:00 PM to work on the Heyliger Awards Banquet. The meeting will be held at the upstairs conference room in Butterfield Gym.

The By-Laws Review discussion will be tabled to the 3/13/2006 meeting.

**VII. Adjourn** – Rich Thorpe made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jon Sibik seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Mark R. Hyson