



CITY OF DOVER

## DOVER RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD - MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting  
Meeting Location: Butterfield Gym, 6 Washington Street, Dover, NH 03820  
Meeting Date: Monday, September 11, 2006  
Meeting Time: **7:00pm**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Rich Thorpe called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
  - A. **Present:** Gary Bannon, Rich Thorpe, Mark Hyson, Peter Michel, Joe Tenuta, Pete McKenney, John Sibik, Jonathan Towle, Royce Stegman and Robert Keys (City Council Rep.)
  - B. **Absent:** Bob carrier and Suzanne meadows
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR JULY 10, 2006** – Pete McKenney made a motion to accept the July 10, 2006 minutes. Joe Tenuta seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.
3. **CITIZEN'S FORUM** – There was no citizen's forum this evening.
4. **NEW BUSINESS** – The board decided to start with new business and hold off on the reports since we had guests. Kathy Wentworth-Chalue and David Ackridge from Dover Little Green Football were present at the meeting to give the board an update on how the program is going this year. Kathy stated that the first day of the program was August 14, 2006. At the end of August they had their jamboree. On September 9, 2006 – JV was rained out and the Varsity played and lost 6-0. Kathy went on to state that things are going very well. They are very excited about this year and they think they are going to have a great season. They have a very good board this year. The numbers this year are 58 in JV/Varsity and 23 fifth and sixth graders with two fourth graders playing. They are going to hold at 30 kids for the gr. 5 + 6 division. All the coaches are doing very well. The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade division plays home games on Bellamy Field at 9:00 am on Saturday mornings and the home games for JV are at 6:00 pm on Saturday nights at Dunaway Field and the varsity plays at 7:30 pm on Saturday nights at Dunaway as well. Dover Little Green is part of the Southern NH Football League.

Kathy also stated that they have handed in their players fee check to Gary Bannon and the by-laws. They have also sent in the check to the school department for the use of the school field. The Dover Little Green is doing cash calendars this year as a fundraiser.

Gary Bannon asked how they decided on the process to take 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders. David Ackridge stated that he spoke with Gil Hartman about this and they started exploratory meetings on taking on these grade levels. Dover Little Green saw the need since they always carried some sixth graders every year. David stated that their league as a whole is 82% Dover residents. Dover Little Green spoke with the Seacoast Titans after the decision was made. Dover was the only city in the Southern NH Football League that did not have a junior division. David and Kathy stated that from this point on all the football leagues in Dover will communicate with each other.

Royce Stegman stated that this week the Seacoast Titans and Dover Youth Football went to the lawyers and the lawyers signed off, so as of January 1, 2007 the Seacoast Titans and Dover Youth Football will merge to one organization. Royce extended the invitation to Kathy, David and Dover Little Green that this new organization would be in favor of talking with them on what and how they could work together. Royce stated that Dover Youth Football is currently 80% Dover residents.

Rich Thorpe is the Recreation Advisory Board liaison to Dover Youth Football, Seacoast Titans and Dover Little Green. Rich stated he would provide the board with an update on the talks for the October 2006 Recreation Advisory Board meeting.



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5. **REPORTS – ADVISORY BOARD** – Rich Thorpe stated that Bob Carrier would like a goal setting session. What does the board want to accomplish for the next year. Rich stated that he would like any feedback from the Recreation Advisory Board members as to what goals they have in mind. Rich asked that everyone e-mail their goals to him before the October 9, 2006 meeting. Jonathan Towle mentioned that a mission statement should be developed first before goals and objectives can be established.

Rich also stated that our thoughts and prayers go out to Bob Carrier and his family on his wife's condition.

Gary Bannon stated that Larry Hitchcock passed away last week.

6. **REPORTS – GARY BANNON** – Gary Bannon stated that two bins of brochures came back from the Post Office that was not delivered. Gary is trying to find out why they were not getting delivered and where they were supposed to be delivered to.

**FALL PROGRAMMING** – Gary stated that the outdoor pool is now closed to the public and is only open for swim team practice. Gary also stated that the pool will be closing for the season on Saturday 9/16/06.

Gary stated that the little kickers soccer program is going well as well as the other early fall programs.

Gary stated that the Recreation Department has implemented some senior programming for the fall. They have continued to work with the Senior Center and the Senior Group Task Force on programming as well as other issues.

### 7. OLD BUSINESS

- A. **MAGLARAS PARK PROJECT UPDATE** – Gary Bannon stated that the template for the project is going into the CIP this week and has been broken into 5 segments or phases. The CIP is due this week to the city manager.
- B. **MCCONNELL CENTER PROJECT UPDATE** – Gary Bannon stated that a lot has been done. The inside common areas will be completed by the end of September. Everything should be done except for the flooring. Gary also stated that the third and fourth floors are almost completed as well. The gym is being transformed and the floor is being done this week. New high-efficiency boilers are being put in. Gary is over there visiting the entire operation at least once or twice per week. The Recreation Department will be the first tenants in the McConnell Center.
- C. **HANCOCK PARK PROJECT UPDATE** – The basketball court is ready to be paved. The playground is being installed in early October. The walking paths and picnic shelters will be going in this fall and the landscaping will be finished this spring.



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**D. SHAW'S LANE UPDATE** – Gary is waiting to hear back from Kent Cassidy, Tim Little and Wayne Coolidge on the estimate of the building. Rich Thorpe stated he would send an e-mail to Wayne regarding the estimate.

8. **OTHER BUSINESS** – Bob Keays stated that he spoke with the City Manager and some Council Members about the idea of turning one of the Ice Arena rinks into an Indoor Soccer Arena if it can't turn a profit. The arena is currently on schedule to be profitable in the next year but if it doesn't he would like to explore this option at some point in the future.

Apple Harvest Day is set for October 7, 2006 and the Recreation Department will have a booth. Gary will be there, with staff, to run the booth and Gary will be providing the public information with updates on the McConnell Center Project.

9. **ADJOURN** – Joe Tenuta made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Pete McKenney seconded the motion. The motion was passed by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 pm.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,**

**MARK R HYSON**