



CITY OF DOVER

RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD - MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: McConnell Center, 61 Locust Street, Dover, NH 03820
Senior Center Activity Room
Meeting Date: Monday, June 13, 2016
Meeting Time: **7:00pm**

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Call to Order: Peg Purcell - 7:02pm

Roll Call: Peg Purcell, Ken Wolfe, Gary Bannon, Krista Trefethen, Stanley Kaubris, David Hurlburt, John O'Connor, Dave Beaulieu (7:10pm)

Approval of Minutes: Move to approve – Stan Second – Ken All approve

Citizens Forum: None

Reports:

- **Advisory board:**

Ken – Overlook has a lot of weeds, old wood chips. Needs some attention. Knows it's a neighborhood park and is at the bottom of the list but needs attention. Applevale, Garrison Hill, Horne are good.

- Peg – WPS PG sign is catty-wampous. Also known as crooked. Picnic table is still there that needs to be removed. Riverwalk – running faucet (Gary said it has been fixed). Graffiti under bridge. They weedwhacked the grass at Fish Ladder Park. Park bench still falling apart. Longhill Park – the guts from the water fountain are missing. About 500 people on the facebook site – Peg emphasizing picking up after their dogs. Really has improved.
- Peg – now that the Gazebo is done – what are the plans for Longhill Park? Gary has to coordinate with the Community Services department and the school to get it out there and what foundation it needs. Trying to also choreograph with the fence repair and grading the park, etc. Location for placement was discussed. Peg believes up to 100 dogs a day use the park.
- Gary: Budget adoption – early May. Gary mentioned the scholarship fund in the GF that gets transferred to the Special revenue fund. Has been \$15,500.
- Dave Beaulieu – joined us, new member.
- \$15,500 – purpose to not bleed SRF down to help those in need. Gary mentioned that he has used it all and we need more, he will ask for more in the next budget cycle.
- Fourth of July – less than a month away. Solicits for \$10K from various sources (Liberty - \$5K, DF Richard, \$2,500, Convenient MD - \$2k, Rotary \$500). Uses Atlas, mentioned that last year was not up to our usual standards. They are supposed to give us a \$15K show for \$10K. 39th Army Band will be performing.
- Peg – asked about using the top floor of the parking garage to sell space to watch the fireworks. Gary had pictures and talked about feasibility. Chamber was going to do it as a Chamber event, but they chose to stay away from it due to liability issues. There will be police up there anyway.



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Peg suggested it as a fundraiser for the scholarship fund. Gary also concerned about capacity as Henry Law Park project isn't finished – reduces seating.

- Pool – just had first swim meet – will be 4 total for the season. Approximately 1,000 people in town for meet. Renovation in locker rooms at the Arena. Starting to work on turning McConnell into an emergency shelter. Meeting with Homeland Security next week as we have possible funds coming up for a generator.
- Krista:
 - Track – Granite State Track & field – regional meet is June 18th at Spaulding HS
 - Summer Camp – prep, staff hired, Camp Kool has most weeks full, Playgrounds has some spots left at Garrison Elementary School, but Horne Street School is full.
 - Fitness Classes – switch to summer schedule for some of the classes, early mornings.
 - Pickleball – taped in two temporary courts to increase capacity at the outdoor courts.
 - Senior Center is busy – usual activities, fitness, speakers, travel, new games (Bunco), intro to cribbage – 50 more members to date this year than last year.
 - Most spring sports are wrapping up – all-star/travel teams still going.
 - We'll be offering the Dover High School camps this year in conjunction with them.

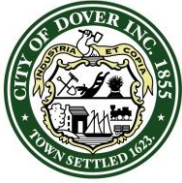
Old Business:

Henry Law Park: Waiting period – waiting for equipment & materials to arrive. We were ahead of schedule due to easier winter weather. Big thing is moving the Gundalow, and then everything can move in around it. Plan is to move that in a couple weeks. Hoping to paint the final coat this Saturday. Next step is the mast. Both mast & yard had questions of longevity. Looking at replacing with galvanized steel. Peg asked about replicas – apparently very expensive. Will have a couple water features – hand pumps, splash pads. Still saying it will be done at some point mid-summer. Waterfront Park – Dependent on moving the Gundalow so the architects can do the layout of the area, where the potential dock might be. CWDAC put off their June meeting until it gets moved. They have to do a vegetative analysis.

New Business:

Summer meetings – normal schedule or just one meeting – depending on member's vacation schedules. We will skip the July meeting. Next meeting would be August 8th. Peg mentioned discussing Park Street Park parking issue at August Meeting.

Long Hill Park – gazebo needs to be moved, fence fixed, etc... Will take a couple different things to happen in order to not tie up the park for too long. Too tall to put on a flatbed & take over. Would either have to be tipped over, or dismantled to move. Peg said they'd prefer a shelter rather than a gazebo anyway. Gazebo is 8 sided and enclosed. Suggestions made for other locations for the gazebo. Peg likes what is located at Hancock Street Park for an open-sided shelter. Enclosed gazebo can lead to



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dog-fights. Another issue – Parking issues with how busy the park is. Peg said the cricket group is doing a really good job with parking & cleaning up after themselves. Looking to expand capacity of the parking lot. Peg asked about a fee for non-resident dog owners. Question becomes enforcement. Who would be the gatekeeper.

Peg asked us to go around introduce ourselves as we have new members.

- John O'Connor – City Council (Ward 1) rep.
- Stan Kaubris – Been on the board about 4 years – catalyst was having kids that went through our programs and now had more time to get involved. Wants to see recreation programs maintained as well as involvement with the parks being an asset.
- Dave Hurlburt – lived in Dover 11 years, 3 kids involved in sports. In real estate, used to be a teacher. Coach's basketball, baseball, soccer – good fit to be more connected with the City. One of the things that attracted them to Dover was the services, so trying to stay involved while being in each league.
- Dave Beaulieu – in and out of Dover for several years, lived in Barrington, grew up in Somersworth. Coached hockey, kids are now on older end, daughter just graduated, son is sophomore at CBNA, active, runner, swimmer, loves the Community Trail. Learning about Willand Pond. More time now, out there, involved. Works for Unitol.
- Ken Wolfe – kids grew up in town, took advantage of the different sports programs, now his grandkids are involved. Now has time to help give back. Doesn't feel that they are being utilized like they could be. Would like to work smarter not harder.
- Peg Purcell – been in Dover since 1983 – runs a property management business. Interest is really the parks. Walker, hiker – takes advantage of Bellamy Park, Willand Pond, interested in physical park end.

Gary explained our department's mission – we are the programming side, but discussed our role in parks.

John – suggested we get a list of all the leagues, contacts, etc., so RAB members can attend different meetings, etc...

Motion to adjourn – 8:18pm – Ken Wolfe Second – Stan All in favor

Submitted by Krista Trefethen