



Town of Weare Parks and Recreation

*Meeting Minute
June 13, 2006*

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:01pm

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

John Nikkais, Valerie King, Chuck Metcalf, Tom Reynolds, Gene Propper* and Joe Fiala*
(Gene and Joe arrived during public comment regarding the skateboard park)

SENIOR CITIZEN UPDATE (Dot):

- 16 people attended the last meeting.
- Chuck Metcalf informed Dot of double booking at Chase Park on June 20th. The 8th grader outing and the Senior citizen picnic. Dot indicated that she didn't think this would pose a problem. Chuck also noted that 1 porta-potty may not be enough for the 20th. They may need to prime the pump for the day and get bathrooms up and running.

PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING THE TEMPORARY LOCATION OF THE SKATEBOARD PARK DURING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE MIDDLE SCHOOL:

- Safety Complex-lack of visibility may be an issue. Site work will be required if in lower area. Possibility of placing it in parking area if it does not interfere with fire trucks entering and exiting the building. This area is paved and therefore would not require site work. Chief of Police will need to be consulted on this idea. One concern with locating the complex at the police station is that users are mostly middle and (some) high school aged students. Placing it by the elementary school makes it convenient to the kids that use it the least.
- Owner of Center Store (Dawn) offered space behind the store. Assuming her co-owners agree, she would be willing to lease this space to the town for the temporary location of the park. Helene Kirk agreed to check with Primex (town insurer) regarding liability issues.
- Corner by Center Woods entrance--Joe Fiala brought this to the Commissions attention as a possible site. Would require site work. Joe has not run this possibility by the School Board.
- Ineson Field also suggested as a possible location.
- Green Space removed as a possible site in part due to strong opposition from the Weare Historical Society and BOS members present. Concerns for the loss of green space (can't get it back) and the already tight quarters for the Patriotic Celebration and Old Home Days events. This area serves multiple activities and should not be sacrificed for the sake of one purpose. Teachers also seen using green space for classes, therefore, reducing green space may impact the school's activities as well.
- Bolton Field removed as a possible site due to lack of visibility
- Several people voiced the idea that, since the equipment will likely not survive multiple moves, the equipment should remain at the temporary site until it deteriorates. This would result in 2 skateboard parks of a period of time. Users of the park were encouraged to consider fundraising activities for the purchase of new equipment for the permanent site.
- Someone has offered to donate the paving for the skateboard park at Bolton. They will be asked if the donor would be willing to pay for the pad at an alternative location. Best if the pad could later be used for another purpose after the park is dismantled (ie. for parking)

Tom Reynold will suggest to the BOSO that the location behind Center Store and the parking area at the Safety Complex be considered for the skateboard park. Secondary suggestions (if the first two are found to be unsuitable) will be Ineson Field and Center Woods.

MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING:

Joe Fiala made a motion seconded by Chuck Metcalf to accept the minutes as written for the May 9, 2006 meeting. All approved. Motion carried.

REVIEW OF BUDGET:

Tom Reynolds noted that the documents handed out at the meeting did not include a \$250 fee for making keys and some electric bills.

CHASE PARK:

- Chuck Metcalf provided update on behalf of Director, Jim Blouin who was unable to make the meeting. Jim is working on the water issue at the park. He is looking into the possibility of an artesian well, but there may be some issue of space due to setbacks required for the road, water, and septic. Also, foot valve had been found not to be 100% effective.
- The wrong buoys were shipped for the swim line. Jim is going to be exchanging them. Swim line can't be put out until the buoys are exchanged. The goal is to get swim lines out by 4th of July if possible. **Decision made for PARC members to meet at Chase at 5:30 on Monday, June 26th to put out the swim lines.**
- John Nikkais noted that the grass had not been cut again. The grass was above contracted height as of this morning. Tom Reynolds will e-mail Jim to ask him to mention this to the contractor.
- Tom Reynolds had a request by work program at John Stark to allow special needs kids to do work at the parks (ie. clean up at Chase) on Thursdays throughout the month of July. There may not be enough at Chase to keep them busy. Suggestions included: clean-up after Patriotic Celebration, raking the playground area, painting the gate house at Chase. Tom will talk to his contact to get a better idea about what they are thinking of doing for work, ask Jim Blouin for suggestions, and write something up for BOS approval.
- A resident spoke to Gene Propper about repairing the screen doors at Chase park free of charge. No objections were raised to the Committee.
- John Nikkais asked that the gate keeper/lifeguard t-shirts be red or orange so they stand out.

DIRECTOR REPORT: None given. Jim Blouin unable to attend.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- John Nikkais asked that the Committee look into getting the brush cut around the entrance to Ineson. It is becoming difficult to see the entrance. It was also noted that there is also poison ivy in this location. Jim Blouin did this a few years ago. Tom Reynolds will see if Jim can do this again. It was noted that Bolton may need to be done next year.
- Tom Reynolds will e-mail Helene and Paul Morin for ideas on how to proceed with the bidding process regarding the development of plans for Bolton field. Before putting boulders at Bolton (to prevent vandals from using vehicle on turf), we need to know what the long term plan will be. Tom Reynolds offered to contact WAC (and others in the community) for help with a

barrier. It was also noted that someone has been “liberating” rocks from the rock pile Carl (Highway Department) had place there.

- The Purington family has offered to pay for a new sign for Purington Field. No one on the Committee objected to this offer.
- Tom Reynolds will ask Kathy Robichaud about the status of lifeguards (do we have enough). PARC may need to hire additional lifeguards for the summer.
- A load of sand is needed at the eroded spot at Chase Park. Tom will ask Carl (Highway Department) about getting this done. The boulders may be in the way.

John Nikkais made a motion seconded by Chuck Metcalf to fix the erosion problem at Chase Park with the purchase of a truckload of sand at a cost of up to \$300. All approved. Motion carried.

- John Nikkais’s appointment has expired. Tom Reynolds will submit his name to be reappointed. There are currently 2 full and 3 alternate positions open on the Committee.
- Time will be allowed at the next meeting to discuss Jim’s evaluation.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:58pm.