

# HAMPDEN PARKS & RECREATION

Meeting Minutes May 25, 2010

Town Hall

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm

**Members Present:** Rick Kapinos, Bob White, Marty McQuade, Jay Ray, Mike Cronin (arrived later)

**Bills:** Reviewed and signed.

**Minutes:** The meeting minutes from May 12<sup>th</sup> were read. Bob made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Jay seconded. The vote was unanimous.

**Snack Shack:** After the first two weeks of operating the snack shack, a profit of \$71.41 was realized, after purchasing inventory and paying the staff.

**Summer Softball:** Registrations for summer softball for U12 and U14 are being accepted. The fee is \$50. All signups will be through Hampden Parks & Recreation.

**Summer Program:** Sara, the Summer Program Director presented a budget for this year's program which the Board reviewed. Sara and the Board members finalized the staff for this summer. Approximately 40 people were interviewed. This year's staff will consist of 15 counselors, 4 CITs and 4 volunteers. Sara may move 1-2 counselors up to a head counselor position after she meets with them again and gets to know them better. The staff will work 4 out of the 5 weeks. Letters will be sent out this week to the applicants.

**Selectman Rick Green:** Rick Green attended the meeting in response to the letter the Parks & Recreation Board sent to the Selectmen regarding their disappointment with this year's annual town meeting. Rick explained that their salary issue was ill-timed, should not have been done in that venue, was not handled well and there was no need for it. Rick added that he will be meeting with the Advisory Board on June 7<sup>th</sup> to find out "how to handle this". The Selectmen received a letter from the Advisory Board expressing the same disappointment. The Selectmen responded with a letter that Rick offered to share with the Parks and Recreation Board. The appropriated funds will not be used per Rick. Unspent funds return to free cash at fiscal year end. The Parks & Recreation Board reiterated that many hours were spent working on a budget for this department in keeping with the requested guidelines from Advisory of level-service.

Rick mentioned that a Capital Committee will be formed and any capital items that we may have can be forwarded to this committee. They will report to the Selectmen. The Park parking lot was mentioned. Rick noted that it has been on the "paving list" along with the TWB parking lot for a while now. The Green Meadow backstop is a capital issue. The removal and replacement can be submitted as a warrant question.

There will be a special town meeting in the fall.

### **Old Business:**

Baseball Scoreboard – the scoreboard is being moved in. The iron beams are up and cemented in. The slats are in the (green monster) fence.

**New Business:** Campership – The Ladies Aid Society of the Federated Church sent in a check to be used toward registrations for the Summer Program for children whose families may not be able to pay the registration cost.

Bob made a motion to adjourn at 9:26pm. Marty seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Submitted by Deborah House, Clerk

