

HAMPDEN PARKS & RECREATION/HAMPDEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
Meeting Minutes June 3, 2013  
Town House

Approved June 11, 2013

Meeting called to order at 8:00 pm

**Members Present:** Fred Frangie, Chair, Marty McQuade, Terry Ford, Vincent Villamaino, John Flynn, and Norman Charest

**Members Absent:** Michael Cronin, Vice-Chair

**Also Present:** Dave Paradis, Tyler Witkop

**Agenda Items:**

**Commissioner Vacancy:** The Park commissioners are meeting with the BOS to interview and appoint a commissioner to the seat vacated by Rich Joseph.

There are currently three interested candidates: Dave Paradis, Catherine Pronovost and Dan Sheehan. All three candidates were personally invited and accepted the invitation to attend the joint meeting for a chance to speak about why they wanted to be appointed to the vacant seat on the Parks & Recreation commission.

Prior to interviews in general conversation, the role of RAH in Parks & Recreation was discussed. Fred Frangie offered that parent participation is down and that activities and programs currently being offered are geared towards the youth of town although there is a Men's program that runs on Monday nights.

Selectman Flynn asked to entertain a motion from the Parks & Recreation Commissioners for their recommendation for an appointee to the Parks & Recreation Commission. The Parks & Recreation Commissioners were in favor of appointing David Paradis to the vacant seat on the Commission. Selectmen Villamaino seconded the Commissioners recommendation, all in favor 5 to 0.

Dave Paradis was the only candidate to attend the meeting. He was interviewed by both boards.

Selectman John Flynn asked Mr Paradis why he wanted to be a Parks Commissioner and he responded that he already helps out with coaching various sports. He went on to explain his affiliation as President of the Western Mass Baseball Umpires Association, and he has the time to help coach, umpire and be a part of the town.

Both boards thanked Mr Paradis for his time.

After interviews, Selectman Flynn asked for a reconsideration of the recommendation of earlier and if the Parks & Recreation Commission were still in favor of that appointee. Parks & Recreation Commissioners confirmed their earlier recommendation. David Paradis was chosen to be appointed to the vacant seat by a vote of 6 to 0.

*A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 8:07pm. All board members and commissioners in favor 6-0.*  
Next Parks & Recreation commission meeting tentatively scheduled for June 11, 2013 @ 7:30pm @ Hampden Town House 625 Main St Hampden, MA.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cindi Connors,  
Administrative Assistant