

## **Recreation commission Minutes**

Note: No Meetings: July/ 2015 No quorum: September, 2015 (notes taken: Lisa Petry)

**October, 14, 2015 6:30pm**

**Present: Sherman, Senter, Marino, Coye, Savage, Moley, Patles, Cruz, Kliska, (excused: Buckley, Petry)**

- 1.** Approved June Minutes 4-0-0. Waived minutes from August ( Lisa Petry).
- 2.** Welcomed Kerry Patles as an alternate.
- 3.** Discussed: Luncheon honoring Abby Metcalf ( summer rec counselor) for winning Chamber of commerce Diamond in the Rough award. Very proud of you Abby.
- 4.** Discussed community garden progress. Sue and Christina report it is going well.
- 5.** Pumpkin lighting, toddler trick or treat ( 80 reservations), fall foliage trip (50 seniors), ladies night very popular , held at library each month with ladies making a donation to one of the chairtiies each month.....consensus of commission: encourage recreation director to continue these type of low cost, adult programming. Wreath making will happen in December.
- 6.** Conference dates: NE Recreation conference January 5 and 6. Sue and Christina will attend.
- 7.** Budget: adding 2 weeks yto recreation and 2 more concerts.
- 8.** Commission would like to see the strategic/to do/CIP list at next meeting. Christina to include in next month's report.
- 9.** Welcomed John Sherman ( Plaistow First committee) and members of the Conservation commission to review 9 properties together. A long and lengthy discussion regarding these parcels:
  - Lot 38-20: buildable lot, no bids in 2015, 1.26 acres. No action taken by Rec Commission or Conservation Commission
  - Lot 9-11: part of trail system and connects in Hampstead. No bids in 2015. No action taken by Recreation or Conservation. Conservation would recommend keeping land
  - Lot 59-8: no bids, power lines non buildable. No interest in recreation or conservation
  - Lot 30-65, 30-68, 43-12 some wet land, YMCA near by . conservation wants to be sure an easement exists to Little river. Recreation looked at this land but wet lands are an issue.
  - Lots 59-51 and 54, 73-3: 8 acres in total at the edge of Haverhill. Consider 4 corners monuments, easement to access land and heavily wooded. Consensus of rec commission is too far away from town center for a park .
  - Lot 69-21 very small wet piece which abuts property and has 1 bid. Neither Recreation or Conservation have interest.
  - Lot 67-21 small and retain for water.
  - Lot off Evergreen: ( not on list) a split property. Not appropriate for park.
  - Lot off Barker: 17-32 ( not on list) . Conservation agrees this is where wells are. While this property is in a heavily populated area and may be a site for a neighborhood park, no action was taken

- No vote or action was taken by Recreation or Conservation Commission on these properties. Opinions varied, but Conservation commission chair stated she was not in favor of selling parcels that are buildable, while Kristin Savage, Sue Sherman and John Sherman agreed selling parcels and getting them on the tax rolls and using the \$\$ from sales to establish a land acquisition fund made sense. No action was taken.
- **REcommendation from Plaistow first committee: Seek Right of First refusal on any properties deemed useful to Recreation.**

**Adjourned 8:13**