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OFFICE OF THE  
Park and Recreation Commission

**MINUTES**  
**January 7, 2008 5:30 p.m.**  
**Charlemont Inn**

**Present:** Commissioners Engstrom, Brisson, Buntin, Cunningham and Jillson. Guests; Norma and Bill Coli.

- I. Review of Minutes from 12/3/07. Commissioners voted unanimously to approve minutes.
- II. Treasurer's Report was submitted by J. Brisson. Account balances indicated on attached report. The FY 09 budget request was discussed. J. Brisson and C. Buntin had met with the Finance Committee to answer their questions. An increase for mowing and a capital request was included in the budget. Fin Com requested the Capital request be submitted as a warrant article rather than Capital request as amount was small. (For staining the Exhibition Hall)
- III. New Commissioners Bob Jillson and Dave Cunningham were both appointed by the Selectman and sworn in by the Town Clerk since last meeting. They were welcomed to the Commission. Both will need to run at the May election for their seats if interested in continuing.
- IV. Northern Construction update. J. Brisson spoke with Rob Nelson, project manager of the Bissell Bridge renovations. They are willing to remove any nails from the old side boards, wrap and store under the pavilion for the Town. Also, in lieu of a \$3,000 cash donation to the town for use of the fairgrounds for storage of their construction equipment, they will consider asking their sister company, Northern Tree Service, to grind the stumps which remain after recent tree removal at the Fairgrounds. J. Brisson will follow-up.
- V. C. Buntin has asked Dennis Avery for a quote for stain to seal the Exhibition Hall. She will have the quote for next meeting.
- VI. Friends of Fairgrounds met with the Commission.  
Norma and Bill Coli described the process to the Friends and the Commission for nominating the Fairgrounds or just Grandstands for Historic Register status. Friends and Commission will vote whether to support the nomination by next meeting. All agreed, regardless of status, that the Grandstands need to be stabilized until any further decisions can be made for safety and to make the grandstands insurable again.  
Bob Jillson will look for someone to give an estimate of the work needed to stabilize, Jim Hawkins or Bill Stephens perhaps.  
Shirley Rouleau requested a vote from the Commission regarding a joint venture of Yankee Doodle Days Fair with the Riverfest Whitewater event sponsored by American Whitewater which would include serving of alcohol by AWW. Commission will consider when applications are submitted but J. Brisson and C. Buntin will check with Town liability coverage before next meeting.
- VII. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.  
Next meeting date: Friday, February 1, 2008, 5:30 p.m. at the Inn.