

MINUTES OF THE PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

TOWN OF CHARLEMONT

July 6, 2005

Members Present:

Todd Gerry
John Albee
Tom Campbell
Bob Engstrom
Jimmy Heist

The meeting was convened at 6:01 p.m.

The Board had a successful bake sale at Avery's this past weekend; the money will be used to fix up the demolition derby area. Bob suggested thanking Avery's for letting the Commission use the store as the site of their bake sale.

The Commission discussed repairs to the Grand Stands this fall and what would be needed.

Todd stated that he would like to thin out some of the Pine trees on the North end of the Fairgrounds, to allow for more open space at the Fairgrounds. Todd further commented that there are a lot of dead trees that can be removed, and maybe the Pines can be traded for Hemlock, which can be further used at the Fairgrounds.

The Commission inquired about their Horse Race License, and whether or not it was expired. The Secretary will look into this.

Tom Campbell made a motion to approach a lumber harvester to evaluate cutting a large portion of the forest to make the Fairgrounds more usable. The motion was moved and seconded and passed unanimously.

Todd stated that the chicken wire fencing currently going up the walkway of the Exhibit Hall will be replaced with split rail fencing.

The Commission discussed the Reggae Fest on September 10th, 2005. The Commission voted to waive the Fairgrounds Usage Fee, but will be suggesting a donation of \$500.00 if the bathrooms will be used. This will cover water usage, bathroom supplies, and paying an attendant and also saves the participant from having to rent Sani-Cans.

Todd made a motion to allow the Reggae Fest at the Fairgrounds, to take place on September 10, 2005, as discussed, and to waive the Fairgrounds Usage fee and add on the new fee structure which includes the bathrooms. The motion was moved and seconded and passed unanimously.

The Board will revisit the fee schedule and bathroom fees at their next meeting.

Todd made a motion to allow the Jeep Jamboree to take place at the Fairgrounds in the Fall of 2005, with the same fee schedule as last year, as there will be no use of the bathrooms.

The motion was moved and seconded and passed unanimously.

The Secretary will contact Keith Gammell, to notify him of the new application and bathroom fee structure, for the upcoming Jeep Jamboree, in the event that he wants to use the bathrooms.

The Secretary was asked to look into the prices of nets for the tennis court, and to Contact Coach Will Elwell, at Mohawk for some wholesalers.

Todd made a motion to hold Yankee Doodle Days, at the Fairgrounds from July 22 through the 24th, 2005. The motion was moved and seconded and passed unanimously.

The Commission discussed building a circular flower bed with well, with stone that Goshen Stone has donated.

Tom Campbell made a motion to allow a circular flower bed with wishing well to be constructed on the parade field. All Monies tossed into the well shall be donated to the repair of the Grand Stands. The motion is moved and seconded and passed unanimously.

Business having been concluded, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carlene Millett,
Secretary to the Boards