

**Charlemont Park and Recreation Commission**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**July 14, 2006**

**Present at Meeting:** Todd Gerry, Tom Campbell, John Albee, Robert Engstrom and Jean Brisson

**Welcome Newest Member:** Congratulations and Welcome to Jean Brisson, elected for a five year term, replacing James Heist.

**Financial News:** -The commission voted to reimburse Tom Campbell, for replacing the net to the tennis courts.  
-Unused Park and Recreation funds have been returned to the town  
-Final Financial receipts and reconciliations have been submitted.

**Yankee Doodle Days:** July 21st, 22nd, 23rd beginning at 5pm Friday and ending at 5pm on Sunday. Exciting!  
-Discussion about Kevin Crowningshield doing a chain saw demonstration. Does that mean he should be contracted as a service due to insurance requirements?. Is there a Necessity for waivers for spectators? Todd and Tom will follow up.  
-Fair grounds look beautiful, nice job with landscaping Todd. Donations from The Campbell's, Tom and Mary, were very generous and greatly appreciated.

**Fairgrounds:** -Maintaining the grounds has been a challenge due to people walking their dogs, and allowing the pets to leave behind droppings;  
-Others are destroying the grounds by operating their vehicles on the grassy areas, speeding around and spinning their tires so that they tear up and damage the existing landscaping.  
-It is unfortunate that a few people ruin things for others, as a result of the property damage and destruction, Todd and Tom had a gate made to keep vehicle traffic from entering the fair grounds during night time hours. The gate will have a combination lock on it, and the combination will be provided to emergency and safety personnel.  
-Thanks to Todd, Tom and John for their hard work installing the gate to keep our fairgrounds beautiful and accessible to the people who enjoy and respect it.

-The gates will be kept unfastened during the winter season. For the remainder of the summer and early fall season the gate will be opened at 7am and re-locked each night by 9pm.

-Tree Removal/clearing, and corner post replacements to be discussed at a later date. Fall work bees to be scheduled.

**Movie Night:**

Todd has proposed hiring someone to set up a portable screen and host a movie night at the fairgrounds-bringing back the drive in theater for a weekend this fall. More information will be forthcoming.

**Future Meetings:**

The next Park and Recreation Commission meeting is scheduled for September 7, 2006 at 6pm. Tom Campbell will take care of the notifications/postings.

Respectfully Submitted,

Park and Recreation Commission  
Todd Gerry  
Thomas Campbell  
John Albee  
Robert Engstrom  
Jean Brisson

Cc: Kathy Reynolds Secretary to the Boards  
Linda Wagner, Town Clerk