

**Minutes**  
**Alton Parks and Recreation Commission**  
**August 4, 2010**  
**A.V.A.S. Building, 7:00pm**

Members Present: Cathy Burke, Elizabeth Shelton, William Lionetta, Gerry Theodora, Cydney Johnson and Steve Renner.

Staff Present: Kellie Troendle

***Call To Order***

The Meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by W. Lionetta.

***Approval of Agenda***

E. Shelton made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented; motion was seconded by C. Johnson and passed.

***Approval of Minutes June 23, 2010***

C. Johnson made a motion to approve the Minutes of June 23, 2010 as written; motion was seconded by E. Shelton and passed.

***Old Business***

Adult Softball Program- The Commission discussed the Adult Softball League in regard to the following concerns: (1) Umpires- K. Troendle reported reliability concerns and umpires not showing up as scheduled and the negative effect that had on the program. The Commission discussed an incident that was witnessed by one of the members at a softball game involving a hired official and a team; (2) Bats- K. Troendle reported that she was informed of a team using a bat that should not be allowed; it was noted the bat was causing a noticeable advantage in homeruns made. It was explained that approved bats receive stamps from the ASA but those stamped bats may be recalled and not placed on a recall list by the ASA and those are the bats that are of concern. The Commission discussed informing the teams of the mandate in regard to the bats and of the list the League will be using in regard to non-approved bats and that all bats for the playoffs will be checked against the published list and identified by staff or a Parks and Recreation Commission member. The Commission also discussed keeping a log of bats to correspond with the number placed on the sticker to use as reference in the event a bat was questioned. The Commission discussed providing the bats for teams to use in future games to make the game/equipment consistent and fair for all players; (3) Safety Base- The Commission discussed the safety base being present at ACS last year and the base no longer being at the field. K.

Troendle said she contacted the ACS and they stated they purchased new bases and the safety base was no longer used. The Commission noted that the safety base should be brought up at the post-season coaches meeting and it should be addressed for both fields that the league plays on; (4) Program Review- K. Troendle stated that the Adult Softball Program is very challenging to run successfully because of all of the variables involved and posed the question to the Commission if the program should continue. The League is getting competitive to the point where games are not fun, teams are cheating, the department is not able to find reliable umpires, player behavior is abusive and negative, etc. K. Troendle said the program needs direct supervision to address the challenges and the department is not able to supervise and watch every game. The Commission discussed the benefits of the program (social, health, economic) and recommended establishing an over thirty league and an over eighteen league. The Commission also discussed enforcing the players contract in regard to behavior and the leagues expectations. The Commission discussed limiting the team's roster size with the goal of creating additional teams. The Commission noted that the topics should be brought forth to the post-season coaches meeting and discussed with the league.

Canoe Race- The Commission discussed the Canoe Race and the decline in registration. The Commission discussed the option of not sponsoring the race in 2011 and suggested advertising the "Last Annual Canoe Race" and to include in the advertising that a minimum number of boats is needed to have the event or it would be canceled. The Commission recommended asking for feedback through Face Book or a survey as to reasons people may have not participated this year.

AYL Update- The Commission is waiting for the updated AYBL expansion plan and project cost estimate for review and recommendation to the Board of Selectmen. K. Troendle asked C. Johnson if the concrete pad is going to be installed for the new portable toilet location and C. Johnson said she will pass on the inquiry to R. Stockman.

Jones Field Security- G. Theodora reported that cameras and the recorder were purchased and that W. Lionetta will be trained to operate the system. G. Theodora reviewed the camera locations.

### *Other*

Flag Football- Flag Football will be offered for ages 9-12 and 13-15. The Department is hopeful to receive more registrations within the next few weeks or the program will not run because of low registration numbers. The Commission discussed sponsoring an Adult Program and E. Shelton offered to look into the information on the website.

Little Pesaukees Grant Request- The Commission reviewed a prepared Grant Request by the Little Pesaukees to the NH Children's Trust Fund and it was signed by Chairman, W. Lionetta.

5K Race- The Commission discussed the 5K Race, the course and volunteers that are needed. E. Shelton, C. Burke and S. Renner will be able to help on race day.

Old Home Day- S. Renner asked if the Buildings and Grounds Committee would be able to set up a table with renovations information for the Alton Central School during Old Home Day in Alton Bay. Mr. Renner was advised to contact the Town Administrator's office for approval of the request.

The Great Winnepesaukee Swim- K. Troendle advised that George Brunstad is attempting to swim the length of Lake Winnepesaukee on August 25 and the event will end in Alton Bay at approximately 5:00pm.

Town Swim Dock- The Commission discussed concerns with behavior at the Town Swim Dock when Lifeguards are not on duty and feedback that was received in regard to inappropriate behavior and language at the Town facility.

### *Adjournment*

E. Shelton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45pm; motion was seconded by G. Theodora and passed. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 15, 2010 at 7:00pm at AVAS.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Kellie Troendle, Certified Park and Recreation Professional  
Parks and Recreation Director*