

**Minutes**  
**Alton Parks and Recreation Commission**  
**January 21, 2016**  
**A.V.A.S. Building, 6:30pm**

Members Present: William Lionetta, Jonathan Downing, Phil Wittmann, Elizabeth Shelton, Peter Leavitt, and Kristin Thomas.

Public: Nancy Downing

Staff Present: Kellie Troendle

***Call to Order***

The Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by W. Lionetta.

***Approval of Agenda***

W. Lionetta made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented; motion was seconded by P. Wittmann and passed.

***Approval of Minutes***

W. Lionetta made a motion to accept the Minutes of December 3, 2015 as presented; motion was seconded by E. Shelton and passed.

***Old Business***

Barbershopper's Contract- K. Troendle reported that an email was sent to the Barbershoppers on December 9, 2015 in regard to the Commission wanting the keep the contract the same as was agreed, and not add the additional scholarship as proposed by the Barbershoppers. No response was received to the email. K. Troendle reported that other people want to use the Bandstand and venues would need to be scheduled if the Barbershoppers event is to take place. J. Downing offered to call the Barbershoppers directly and confirm their commitment to the event so the Department can proceed with the planning stages.

Work Group with AYL- The Commission is interested in setting up a Work Group with the Alton Youth League to develop a long term plan for Jones Field. Jonathan and Nancy Downing are interested in being a part of the Work Group, they have maps and information that will be helpful in the planning process. Shawn Thomas from the AYL and Bill Curtin from the Water Department are interested in being a part of the group. A meeting will be scheduled within the next month to evaluate the existing facility and discuss options and future needs.

Master Park Plan- J. Downing stated that he would like to see a Skating Rink at Mill Pond and that the facility/use can be added to the Master Park Plan. He also showed the Commission areas for expansion at Jones Field and around Mill Pond for walking paths.

## *New Business*

Self Defense Class- K. Troendle presented a request from Michelle Morrow to provide a self defense class and product sales through the Parks and Recreation Department. The Commission discussed the request and recommended that M. Morrow run the program through the Alton Police Department or ABA.

Basketball 2016- K. Troendle reported that the Basketball program was going well. The number of female players has decreased, which is the trend in other towns as well. Indoor soccer participation has increased and has caused numbers to decrease for basketball. The 3&4 grade teams were made co-ed because there was not enough participation for an all girls team, which was similar in surrounding towns. The Commission discussed the past practice of participation awards and decided to not purchase additional awards or gifts to hand out. It was the consensus that the uniform shirt was a useful token of participation in the team sport.

Mt. Major Snowmobile Club- The Commission discussed the positive work performed by the snowmobile club including the development and maintenance of the cross country ski and hiking trails. The Commission is interested in being a part of outdoor recreational opportunities. W. Lionetta made a motion to renew the \$100.00 membership. Motion was seconded by J. Downing and passed.

Winter Carnival- The Annual Rotary Club Fishing Derby is scheduled for February 13&14, 2016. Due to the Fishing Derby dates and the current ice conditions, the ABA has changed the Winter Carnival to Sunday, February 21. The Commission stated they support what the Department does for events. K. Troendle reported that the lake is the draw for the Winter Carnival and Bed Race and the ice run way would need to be open in order to have the Bed Race. The Department sponsored events will be based upon weather conditions, which will be evaluated as the event date gets closer.

Soccer Camps- The Department is sponsoring two full day Soccer Camps with half day options. July 25-29 and August 8-12, 2016.

Summer Camps- K. Troendle has reached out to two ACS teachers to ask if they would be interested in running/leading a Summer Camp for two weeks this summer. The week of June 27 and the week of July 11. Activities would include: paddle boarding, canoeing, fishing, snorkeling, swimming, sports, cooperative games, crafts, science experiments, and more. The goal is to have a fun and safe summer camp where students would learn new things and have a great week. The fee will be determined based upon the staff wages and if a bus trip is added into the camp. The Department is looking to offer a great summer camp experience for Alton students.

## *Other*

Concerts- K. Troendle reported that the Concert Schedule is set except one date- July 30. The 60's Invasion Band is asking for \$750 and in 2013 they were paid \$650. The remaining funds in the concert budget are \$650. The Commission recommended to pay \$650 for the 60's Invasion or hire an alternate band for July 30. The Concert Schedule is: July 2- 39<sup>th</sup> Army Band; July 9- Shana Stack;

July 16- Bittersweet; July 23- Saxx Roxx; July 30- TBD; August 6- East Bay Jazz; August 13- Annie and the Orphans; August 20- Barbershoppers; August 27- Pony Express.

Cemetery Trustees- K. Troendle reported that there is a Warrant Article from the Cemetery Trustees asking to discontinue the Trustees and have the Town of Alton take care of the Cemeteries. The Warrant Article vote may produce changes to Town Departments and the Departments may be assigned additional responsibilities.

Milfoil Committee- The Milfoil Committee met with the Board of Selectmen and offered their recommendation for the DASH contract. The Board of Selectmen supported the Milfoil Committee's recommendation.

### *Adjournment*

K. Thomas made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40pm; motion was seconded by E. Shelton and passed. **The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 3, 2016 at 6:30pm at AVAS.**

*Respectfully submitted,*

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

APPROVED