

**Minutes**  
**Alton Parks and Recreation Commission**  
**April 12, 2005**  
**A.V.A.S. Public Park, 7:30pm**

Members Present: Dave Cumming, William Lionetta and Josh Hoagland. Members excused absent: Melissa Wells and Pete Shibley.

Staff Present: Kellie Troendle

***Call To Order***

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30pm.

***Approval of Agenda***

D. Cumming made a motion to accept the Agenda as presented; motion was seconded by W. Lionetta and passed.

***Approval of Minutes 3-15-05***

D. Cumming made a motion to approve the Minutes of March 15, 2005 as written. The motion was seconded by W. Lionetta and passed.

***Announcements***

Josh Hoagland was sworn in as a commission member. Pete Shibley was appointed to the Commission as the Selectmen's Representative.

***Old Business***

Election of Chair and Vice Chair- W. Lionetta made a motion for nominations. W. Lionetta nominated D. Cumming as the Chairman and W. Lionetta as the Vice Chairman, motion was seconded by J. Hoagland and passed. The Commission noted they have five members now and would need three members present to represent a quorum.

***New Business***

Softball- The Commission discussed including in the waiver form that the participant has read and understands the rules and regulations of the league. K. Troendle noted that the registration fee was increased \$5.00 to help cover the cost of the damage to homeowner's vehicles. It was noted that 8 teams are returning this season and that the New Durham field is available for some of the games. Also the League will be using the fields at the Alton Central School and Jones Field. For the coaches meeting a draft schedule will be made and waiver forms will be distributed.

Beach Committee- NH Soil Consultants is in the process of drafting the final plans to be submitted to the Board of Selectmen then to the Wetlands Board for approval. The Committee is planning a Beach Clean Up Day for May 21, 2005 from 9:00am-1:00pm to remove milfoil and pick up rocks. River Run Deli offered to sponsor the lunch for the volunteers. Carl Norby generously donated sand and an excavator with an operator for a week for the beach project and the Beach Committee is interested to find out the scope of the project that can be completed with the Town Meeting appropriated funds and community donations. As soon as the plans are approved by the Board of Selectmen they will be forwarded to the Wetlands Board for consideration. The Beach Committee would also like to recommend sending the project out to bid so some of the work can be completed this fall.

Director appointed to Recreation and Facilities Committees- K. Troendle reported she was appointed to the Recreation and Facilities Committee for information collecting and presentation for the Master Plan document.

Summer Schedule- The Summer Schedule is at the Graphic artists and will be completed by April 15 to be proof read and then sent to the printers. W. Lionetta suggested making the Schedule available on line for participants to access through the Internet.

Town Meeting- K. Troendle reported that the pick up truck appropriated for the Parks and Recreation-Grounds and Maintenance Department should be ready by the beginning of July. The Commission discussed identifying the vehicle and also the current black car the director is driving. K. Troendle presented options for the Parks and Recreation Department logo for the vehicles. The Commission discussed painting the logo versus vinyl lettering and magnets. W. Lionetta offered to check into prices for the painted, hand lettered/airbrush logo and vinyl lettering with companies in Rochester and Ossipee. The specifications for the Town Docks project was sent out to bid and the bid opening is scheduled for June 6. The A.V.A.S. addition is waiting on the frost to leave the ground. The Highway Department will assist with the prep work for the site and the concrete installers have been contacted regarding the job. Russ Bailey said he contacted DRA in regard to making a change in the dimensions of the additional space; it is ok to make the space larger if there are sufficient funds to cover the costs.

### ***New Business***

Dogs on Beach- K. Troendle reported that there is an unresolved issue in regard to people with pets on the Town Beach and in the swimming areas. Generally dogs are prohibited from beaches and swim areas for the health and safety of the facility patrons but there is no ordinance in the Town of Alton to make this enforceable. K. Troendle reported that the biggest issues are the leash law with dogs running around and possibly disturbing other facility users, the accumulation of dog waste by people not cleaning up after their animals and the water quality with animals swimming in the lake. The Commission and director researched this topic with the State of NH and were not able to find any RSA's limiting the use of public beaches by animals. The Commission discussed dogs using the beach and swim areas and noted that people also want a place for their dog to swim and the issues revolving around animals in the swim areas. The Commission discussed possible alternative solutions as to offer a place for dogs but to do it before and after the season when people are swimming in the lake. The Commission voted to send a memo to the Board of Selectmen with a recommendation in regard to dogs on the beach. The Commission recommended that the Selectmen consider adopting a Town Ordinance to limit the use of the beach by dogs to read, "Dogs are prohibited from the Town Beach Memorial Day-Labor Day weekend inclusive and during the permitted times on the beach dogs must be physically restrained with a leash and owners are required to pick up waste after their dog, \$250.00 fine."

Fireworks- The Director reported that the Town will be launching the Fireworks display from a barge and the date of the show may change from July 3, 2005 depending on the bids received.

Grants- J. Hoagland reported that he did research the grant application process and suggested that the Commission identify the projects first then look for grants that relate and support our project. J. Hoagland also said the grant writing is a full time job and how it is presented makes a difference in how funds are received. Many times real estate is not included through grant money a better project may be developing new fields and improvements to youth facilities and programs.

### *Other*

Fund Raising by Committee- K. Troendle reported that the Board of Selectmen adopted a new policy in regard to fund raising.

Pavilion in Alton Bay- K. Troendle reported that she spoke with Dick Wallace and he said he would like to contact Bob Haverty in regard to the purchase of the Pavilion. The Commission noted that the building would be a great asset to the Town.

Currier Transportation parking- The Commission discussed the tractor and trailer parked across the street from A.V.A.S. Public Park at Harmony Park. The Commission noted that the truck is blocking the access to the easy trail and is an eyesore also the parking lot is getting damaged and the truck is creating a visibility concern. The Commission discussed asking the truck to park elsewhere.

Town Beach- The Commission discussed people using the Town Beach to launch boats and parking their trucks on the Town Beach, these people moved park benches to gain access to the beach. The Commission advised K. Troendle to inform the Police Department that this activity is prohibited at the Town Beach site.

Old Home Days Shirts- D. Cumming suggested the Town consider sponsoring an Old Home Days t-shirt for a fundraiser and as a way to promote community pride and spirit. Suggestions included a charcoal drawing of a photograph. The Commission like the idea and thought they should do it.

Half Marathon- The Commission is participating in the race by staffing a water station with a Beach Party theme. The Commission discussed layering the cups to help facilitate the water distribution..

### *Adjournment*

D. Cumming made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:35pm; motion was seconded by J. Hoagland and passed. **The next meeting is May 10, 2005 at 7:30pm at A.V.A.S. Public Park.**

*Respectfully submitted,*

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