Minutes Alton Parks and Recreation Commission June 23, 2010 A.V.A.S. Building, 7:00pm

Members Present: Elizabeth Shelton, William Lionetta, and Cydney Johnson.

Staff Present: Kellie Troendle

Call To Order

The Meeting was called to order at 7:25pm by W. Lionetta.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes May 18, 2010

C. Johnson made a motion to approve the Minutes of May 18, 2010 as written; motion was seconded by E. Shelton and passed.

Old Business

Adult Softball Program- The Commission discussed the Adult Softball Program and items that were brought up about the Alton Central School Field. The Commission discussed the absence of the safety base at first base and K. Troendle reported that she spoke with K. Ingoldsby about the bases and he said the school purchased new, regulation softball bases this season and a safety base was no longer used. Mr. Ingoldsby said the safety base was used previously because the old bases were coming out of the ground and something needed to be done but with the new bases the field should be safe. Mr. Ingoldsby said if the Town wanted to use a safety base the Town would have permission to purchase and install the base at the field. Also K. Troendle asked Mr. Ingoldsby about damage to vehicles parked at the field and if the school objected to signage warning of the hazards of parking at the field. K. Troendle said Mr. Ingoldsby did not have a problem with the Town putting up signs but said he thought it was common sense and people should be responsible for their actions and parking next to a ball field during a game is assuming risk of possible vehicle damage. The Commission said at this time the Adult Softball Program should use the regulation, school bases as installed because they are safe and installed properly and that the Town will not be posting signs at the school field because people should not park at the field if they are concerned with vehicle damage. The Commission discussed offering a 35 years+league and noted the social and physical benefits of a league for 35 years+. C. Johnson suggested the Commission consider the trend of an Adult Kickball League for 18 years and over as a possible fall 2010 program.

<u>Canoe Race</u>- The Commission discussed the upcoming Canoe Race on Sunday, June 27 at 10:00am and noted the pre-registration numbers were lower this year. It was noted that the NASCAR race was the same weekend and perhaps people were either going to the race or concerned with race traffic. Volunteers will meet at 9:00am at the River Run parking lot.

<u>AYL Update-</u> C. Johnson reported that the AYL program had a great season and players really improved their skills and had fun. C. Johnson also noted that several Alton players made the all stars team.

<u>Jones Field Security</u>- The Commission discussed the recent incident of theft at Jones Field during the day to a AYL volunteer whose items were stolen from her car while she was unloading supplies into the snack shack. The Commission noted the urgency to purchase and install the security system as soon as possible because security is an issue at the park and the Commission believes the system will help. C. Johnson said once the system is purchased the labor will be covered by AYL volunteers. The Commission was in agreement to purchase the system and have it installed promptly.

Other

<u>Flag Football-</u> E. Shelton reported that the Flag Football Program will be run in the fall and she will contact Mark Cassidy about offering the program to older players.

<u>PMHS Use</u>- C. Johnson reported that Mr. Fitzpatrick would be the contact person in regard to facility use at PMHS and he is interested in supporting community programs at the facility.

<u>Recreation Revolving Fund-</u> K. Troendle presented payroll authorization forms to the Commission to sign for three staff members that work the Summer Children's Program at the Alton Bay Community Center. The staff members are paid out of the Recreation Revolving Fund. The forms were signed and will be submitted to the Town Administrator and Board of Selectmen for approval.

<u>Commission Membership</u>- K. Troendle reported that S. Renner was appointed to the Commission for a three year term. K. Troendle also noted that R. Johnson attended the last meeting and is not interested in becoming a member. Mr. Johnson was more interested in focusing on maintenance issues then on parks and recreation programming.

<u>Director Recognized for Work Effort</u>- W. Lionetta acknowledged K. Troendle for doing a wonderful job for the Parks and Recreation Department and Town of Alton and noted the many accomplishments the department has completed.

Adjournment

E. Shelton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm; motion was seconded by C. Johnson and passed. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 21, 2010 at 7:00pm at AVAS.

Respectfully submitted,

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