

## Camden Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

May 11, 2011

5:15pm, Washington Street Conference Room

**Present:** Ray Andresen (chair), Martin Cates (Select Board liaison), Jeff Kuller, Ed Libby, David Olivas, Brian Robinson.

**Excused:** Molly Mulhern, Sharon Gilbert, Beth Ward. **Absent:** Peter Brown.

Ray opened the meeting at 5:19pm

David moved to accept April 13, 2011 meeting minutes as presented, Brian 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.

### **Committee Reports**

**RMRA Redevelopment:** Building committee will be meeting on May 26 to review new design.

**US National Toboggan Championships®:** Sponsorship levels have been tweaked a little for next year, opening up potential for more than one gold sponsor. Analysis of 2011 event shows that 10% of the teams came from outside New England and that event probably adds \$400,000 to the local economy.

### **Other Business:**

**Financial Report:** Latest estimate is for approximately \$78,000 net surplus in Park-Rec budget for current fiscal year. Select Board approved Jeff's surplus spending plan. Some discussion about increased credit card fees; David will send Jeff information on alternate card processor.

**Sports Fields:** Jeff implemented new policy and procedures regarding the Snow Bowl sports fields. Already had to shut down field for one day due to wet conditions; procedure worked well. John Novak working with P-R on fertilizing and seeding fields for free (since school teams use these fields). Ray suggested that the committee review these new policies and procedures, and how they worked, at the end of the summer/fall sports seasons.

**National Trails Day:** Event planned for June 4 (9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.) at Snow Bowl involving Coastal Mountains Land Trust, the Pathways Committee, Georges River Land Trust, and the Bike Club. Attendees will work on nearby trail projects and then reconvene at the Snow Bowl for a cookout.

**Megunticook Rowing:** Ray reported that the Rowing Club has started operations for the season.

**Ski Pass Insurance:** Committee agreed that Jeff should look into making season pass insurance available as an option for skiers to purchase next year.

**Upcoming Projects:** Jeff reported on a number of projects currently involving the P-R Department—

- (1) Planning for a playground at the Snow Bowl;
- (2) building a Nordic Trail at the Snow Bowl;
- (3) fixing drainage problems with stream between fields and parking lot, which involves getting permits, advising Hosmer Pond Association, repairing culverts, and repairing/replacing bridge between parking lot and fields;
- (4) redoing the toboggan chute stairway;
- (5) clearing/building the Megunticook Riverwalk at the Tannery site;
- (6) repairing the stone wall and stairway at Laite Beach
- (7) working with the DOC on redoing the Bog Bridge boat ramp and parking area in Sonny Goodwin's lot; and
- (8) repairing the deck at the Chamber of Commerce building.

### **Upcoming Events:**

May 25 – Ski Club Annual Meeting (5 p.m. at Snow Bowl Lodge)

June 4 – Community Yard Sale (7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Snow Bowl)

June 4 – National Trails Day (9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Snow Bowl)

June 8 – Ashwood Waldorf School Service Project at Ragged Mountain

June 12 – Summer Chairlift Season begins

June 14 – Coastal Mountains Land Trust kickoff event for Round The Mountain Trail (5 p.m. at Snow Bowl Lodge)

David moved that the meeting be adjourned, Ed seconded the motion. Approved by all at 6:32 pm

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, June 8 at 5:15 pm in the Washington Street Conference Room.

Minutes recorded by Ray Andresen