

## Camden Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

March 21, 2012

5:15 pm, Washington Street Conference Room

**Present:** Jeff Kuller, Brian Robinson, Ray Andresen (chair), Beth Ward, Peter Brown, Sharon Gilbert, Jim Heard (Select Board liaison), Pete Conover and Ed Libby. Absent: David Olivas

Guests: Jeff Foltz, Geoff Scott and John Scholz

Ray opened the meeting at 5:20pm.

*Peter Brown motioned to accept February 15, 2012 meeting minutes as presented, Pete Conover seconded the motion, it passed 5-0-0.*

Jeff Foltz explained to the committee the need for a resting rack at the Rt 105 Bog Bridge boat Launch. He proposed to put a temporary modest resting rack for high end shells/kayaks on the lake side of the boulders. Ed made a motion to allow a temporary t-bar type rack at Bog Bridge boat launch on the lake side of the boulders, Brian seconded the motion, it passed 5-1-0, as Sharon Gilbert arrived part way through the discussion.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**US National Toboggan Championships®:** Ray reported that the select board thanked the committee and their great work and presented the committee with a plaque. Sharon has stepped down from chair and from the committee, thank you Sharon for all your hard work. Ray also reported that the committee held it's first of many strategic planning sessions for the event. John Scholz commended the Snow Bowl and the Toboggan committee on the cleanup efforts on Hosmer Pond. The P & R committee also wants to thank the Camden Hills Regional High School Alpine racers for their help with clean up.

**RMRA Redevelopment:** Jeff reported the septic system failed this winter. The tanks have been pumped and the problem is solved for the short term. The town will have to replace the system this summer for \$250,000. The redevelopment committee has met and support going with the plan for a new septic design instead of a quick fix. John Sholtz reported that tests have been done on Hosmer Pond and the water quality is fine. Jeff reported that Seth Wescott's visit was a huge success.

**Pathways:** Geoff Scott reported on the extension to shirttail planning is continuing. Pathways is asking Camden Rotary to support financially a section of the Tannery Riverwalk. They are also asking the Camden Budget committee to put aside a reserve funds for potential capital improvements for pedestrians in the future.

**Shirttail Point:** Ray reported that the select board asked the P & R committee because of the sidewalk extension project what else can be done at shirttail point park to be more attractive to residents. Ray wants to meet and do a site visit on Wednesday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 4:30.

### Snow Bowl Finances:

Jeff projected the Snow Bowl will have an operating loss between a \$50,000 and \$100,000. There is at least a \$100,000 fund balance from previous year surpluses to offset this, so there will be no impact to tax payers from this warm winter. Jeff will be in front of the Budget committee Thursday, March 22 at 7pm. Jeff also reported that he is proposing holding summer rec camp for 5 days a week instead of the 4 day a week program to meet the needs of the community. There will be a \$3,000 financial impact that wasn't budgeted. The committee supports this change. Ed Libby reported that he plans to attend the budget meeting to present the property brochure.

### OTHER BUSINESS:

**Downtown Master Plan:** Has identified the Riverwalk project as a priority to connect downtown with residential areas and to highlight the river corridor.

### NEW BUSINESS:

**Playing Field Plan:** Beth reported that the user groups have been notified that parks and recreation may close the field more often this season to rest the field. We will be putting up a sandwich board when closing the field.

**Upcoming Events:** Nothing to report

*Peter motioned to adjourn at 6:20pm, Ed 2<sup>nd</sup> all in favor 6-0.*

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, April 11, 2012 at 5:15pm in the WSCR

Minutes recorded by Beth Ward