

## Camden Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

August 14, 2013

5:15 pm, Washington Street Conference Room

**Present:** Ray Andresen (chair), Pete Brown, Pete Conover, Jim Heard, Brian Robinson, Geoff Scott, Beth Ward.  
**Excused:** Ed Libby. **Absent:** Casey Heard, David Olivas.

Ray Andresen opened the meeting at 5:16 pm.

**Minutes:** Pete Brown moved that the July 10 minutes be approved, Pete Conover seconded the motion, and it passed 3-0.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Ragged Mountain Redevelopment:** There will be an official presentation to the Select Board on August 20 regarding the request to put the \$2 million bond vote on the November ballot, followed by a public hearing at the September 3 Select Board meeting. Beth Ward reported that the fund-raising effort has reached the \$4 million mark, that 45 chairs have been sold to date, and that there is a \$200,000 matching grant available if another \$200,000 can be raised by Labor Day.

**National Toboggan Championships:** The committee will resume meeting on August 21.

**Pathways:** Geoff Scott reported that construction of the Tannery Riverwalk by the Maine Conservation Corps, volunteers and subcontractors will take place from October 7-25. Beth will be in charge of coordinating the project. There will be a September workday for ridding the area of invasives. Beth will make sure a Park-Rec truck is available. Geoff added that the Pathways Committee is redoing its comprehensive plan, adding that the Active Community Environment (ACE) group will augment that effort with its ability to survey different groups to determine what's needed and what's lacking. Ray will invite a representative from ACE to attend our next meeting.

**Public Landing/Riverwalk:** Ray reported that the work group has requested that T.Y. Lin come up with at least three proposals for the Public Landing for the next public meeting.

### FINANCIAL REPORTS

**Snow Bowl Budget:** Beth reported that "early bird" season ski passes will be on sale until Sept. 4.

### OLD BUSINESS

**Park-Rec Director:** Ray reported that candidate interviews will begin this month and that the search committee will consist of Rick Knowlton, Bob Gordon, Brian Robinson, Carol Greenleaf and Pat Finnigan.

**Sports Field:** Beth reported that the field looks great and that softball is finishing up its season and football begins on August 24. She added that Five Town Football has made arrangements for the older kids to play and practice at the high school, thus minimizing wear and tear on the field. Beth will prepare a memo for Ray to send to the Adult Flag Football League advising them that they will not be invited back next year.

**Park-Rec Tour:** Ray distributed a summary of the property issues/needs discussed during the site tour.

**Water Quality:** Ray still needs to contact the Code Enforcement Officer and the Harbor Committee regarding the water quality at Laite Beach and what can be done to prevent a recurrence in 2014.

**Summer Rec Program:** Beth reported that this year's program went well, with 50 of 55 slots filled.

### NEW BUSINESS

**Shirrtail Point:** The Select Board has asked the Committee to come up with recommendations for improvements at Shirrtail Point by December, so part of the next meeting will involve a site visit to Shirrtail.

**Select Board Updates:** Ray added that the Select Board has also requested that the Committee report on its activities twice a year, at Select Board meetings in November and May.

**Smoke-Free Policy:** Beth reported that new signs proclaiming smoke-free zones at all Camden parks, including Harbor Park and the Public Landing, will be going up soon.

**Megunticook Rowing:** Ray reported that he received a letter from Megunticook Rowing notifying us of the club's annual regatta on Lake Megunticook.

**Upcoming Events** Harvest Toot on Sept. 7; Hope Elephants fundraiser on Sept. 14; Pancake Breakfast fundraisers begin every Sunday in October.

Pete Conover moved to adjourn, Brian Robinson seconded the motion, and it passed 4-0 at 6:24 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2013 at 5:15pm in the WSCR.

*Minutes recorded by Ray Andresen*