

Camden Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2014
5:15 pm, Snow Bowl

Present: Ray Andresen (chair), Casey Heard, Emily McDevitt, Maureen Gordon, Jesse Tobbias, Brian Robinson, David Olivas, Geoff Scott, Landon Fake, Beth Ward.

Ray opened the meeting at 5:17 pm.

Minutes: Casey moved the August 13 minutes be approved, Brian seconded the motion, and it passed 4-0.

New Member: Jessie Tobias was welcomed to the committee as a new alternate for the 2014/15 term.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ragged Mountain Redevelopment: Landon distributed notes about redevelopment progress. He said a drainage ditch was redefined as a “stream” by the DEP because it contained caddis fly larvae and had to be rerouted to be protected. Following the meeting, he and Beth led the group on a tour up the mountain to see first-hand the work that’s been done so far and what still needs to be accomplished this fall before the scheduled Dec. 20th opening date.

National Toboggan Championships: There will be a committee meeting tomorrow (Sept. 11) at the Snow Bowl to begin preparations for the 25th anniversary championships. The event on Feb. 6-7-8 will again be at the tail-end of the Camden Winterfest, and this year there will be fireworks downtown on Saturday night (paid for by the Chamber of Commerce with funds left over from the cancelled July 4 fireworks).

Pathways: Geoff reported that questions regarding the Seabright Section of the Camden Riverwalk are being resolved. The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife is OK with the proposed project. No historic sites have been found on existing maps, and much of the area has already been disturbed by sewer lines. He also reported that the towns of Camden and Rockport have been working on a design for the sidewalk and esplanade along Route 1, which will include a pedestrian crossing to the Hannaford Shopping Center. The grant money for this project has been awarded, and the walkway design should be finalized next year.

The Committee then agreed to postpone discussion of other items on the Agenda to inspect progress on the Redevelopment project.

Minutes recorded by Ray Andresen