

## Park and Recreation Commission Meeting

October 7, 2008

7 pm

### Attendance:

Robert G. Potter, Director  
Joseph Schettino, Chairman  
Harry Swaun, V. Chairman  
Michael Sutyla

Bonnie Finkeldey (7:06 pm)  
Linda Diamond  
Robert Neri  
Robert Karcich

### Minutes:

**September 9, 2008:** Mr. Sutyla motioned to approve the minutes of the 9/9/08 P & R Commission meeting as submitted. Mr. Swaun seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Enter Mrs. Finkeldey 7:06 pm

### Correspondence:

Bank Statements: Commission was give copies for their perusal. They were also given an update of the Special Project Fund.

FYI: The Clinton Bluefish Festival Committee will be held the weekend after Clinton Family Day next year. They are thinking of utilizing the Clinton Town Beach (bathing/swimming side) for a sand sculpture contest. More information will follow.

### Old Business:

Site Walks: Everyone was in favor of doing site walks. Facilities were broken down as follows: Town Beach: Swaun & Finkeldey, Indian River: Karcich & Neri, and Peters & Eliot: Sutyla & Diamond. The Site Walks should be completed one week prior to the next P & R Commission meeting and the information should be emailed or given to Lois so she can compile it for the next Commission meeting.

### Action Items:

**Cream Pot Road:** When the Commission went to the BOS meeting they were told to proceed with the project and the ball is in our court whether or not it ends up going to us or Open Space. We need to have the study done. Mr. Sutyla: P & R has first refusal of this property. It will be the BOS who will make the decision. Open Space probably wouldn't have a problem working with us. We can't do any more with the project unless we have the money for the study. The money has to come from the Ton's CEC Fund. At least we are making some progress.

**Video Tower:** We are making progress with this project.

**Peters Playground/Picnic Area Development & Location:** This picnic area will be developed in the Spring.

**Lupone Softball Field Lighting:** We received the report from Musco Lighting and our lighting on the field is fine. Mr. Sutyla motioned to have this project removed from our Action Item List. Mrs. Diamond seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### New Business:

**Next P&R Commission Mtg.:** Monday, Nov. 3, 2008.

## P & R Minutes 10-7-08 (continued)

**Meeting with BOS – 9-24-08:** Mr. Schettino, Mr. Swaun, Mrs. Finkeldey, Mr. Sutyla, Mr. Potter and Mr. Aniskovich (The WBA Group) all attended the meeting. The following items were all discussed:

- Cream Pot Road: previously discussed
- Town Beach Project: Mr. Schettino would like to establish a Committee to work on this project. (Hold a Special Meeting to discuss what would be expected of them) Mr. Townsend felt that there are big gaps or problems with the study we had done but wasn't specific. Mr. Schettino would like the Committee to be comprised of the following members: 2 members of the P & R Commission, 1 member from the Board of Selectmen, 1 member from the Board of Finance and 1 member from the CEC Committee. One of the decisions they would have to determine is where the funding would come from; CEC or Bonded and see if there is any Grant money available.
- Eliot Field: Parking (adjacent property). The BOS is looking at multiple property sites at Eliot.
- Dog Ordinance: The Commission would like the BOS to look into changing the present Town Ordinance. We would like to prohibit dogs from the entire Town Beach area during the Beach Season; Memorial Day to Labor Day for the health, safety and well-being of the entire Clinton Community. The BOS would like to look into what other Towns are doing before they make a decision.

It was a good meeting over all.

**CEC Committee Mtg. of October 2, 2008:** This meeting went well. The \$357,362 for the Town Beach project is going away for the 09/10 fiscal year. We hope to get the money for our Tennis Courts and the money for our Cream Pot Road project. The money for the Dog Park and the Ice Rink were flip flopped.

**DPW:** The "No Parking" signs have been put up on the islands at the Peters Complex but some cars are still managing to pull up between the signs and park on the islands. The Commission asked the Director to call Chief Faughnan to ask that tickets be issued everyone who violates the No Parking signs.

**Old Town Trucks:** The Town has 2 pick-up trucks which are going to be available now that Tom Lane & Justin Rosetti are using old police cars to drive around in. Mrs. Diamond motioned to request the use of Building Dept. pick-up truck for the P & R Director. Mrs. Finkeldey seconded the motion.

Vote: In Favor: Swaun, Diamond, Finkeldey, Neri, Karcich, Schettino

Opposed: None

Abstained: Sutyla

The motion passed.

**Christmas Decorations:** Mrs. Finkeldey would like to see us sponsor a Town wide contest for house decorations. Maybe it would be better to do Street decorations (building neighborhoods). Lois will contact Ellen at the Chamber of Commerce to see what has already been done and what she can help us with. A Committee of: Mrs. Finkeldey, Mrs. Diamond and Lois will get together and bring the specifics back to the next meeting.

## **P & R Minutes 10-7-08 (continued)**

**Duck Races:** Mr. Sutyla wanted to know if we could do Duck Races. The Bluefish Festival held these races during the Bluefish Festival.

### **Director's Report:**

**IRRC:** Baseball Field – left outfield drainage. The outfield is ponding just about everywhere. The Director needs to speak to Mr. Neff to see what DPW can do to help with the drainage problem. A new drain can be put in.

### **Work To Be Done:**

**Lupone Field:** Burm work will be done late October/November.

**IRRC Baseball:** The infield will be re-defined.

**DPW:** Their flex-person is now back to days because they need manpower during the day.

**Track:** Re-opens tomorrow.

**IRRC Soccer Scoreboard:** Has been converted to wireless.

**Turf Management Contract:** Everything is all up-to-date.

**Hesers Pond:** Mr. Sutyla said that people want to know what is happening with the pond project. This is a BOS Financial issue. Mr. Townsend doesn't want to see P & R overseeing this job because he doesn't believe we have the expertise. There are many more regulations now then there were years ago. P & R always took care of the Lily pad problem and then this task was given to DPW and they didn't do anything with it for 2 years and the Lily pads got way out of control so P & R took over the problem once again and we have been gaining on the lily pads. We don't the money to do anything more.

We need to visit the Board of Selectmen on a more regular basis.

Mrs. Finkeldey brought up the issue of a public forum again. The Commission felt that the survey we did gave the community the opportunity to give us their input on a wide range of topics. The Commission also feels that our meetings are open to the public every month and if someone has something they want to say, they should be encouraged to come to one of our meetings.

Mrs. Finkeldey motioned to adjourn. Mrs. Diamond seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Lois A. Ruggiero,  
Assistant to Director