

**PARKS AND RECREATION AND
ACQUIRED FACILITIES COMMISSION**

Rescheduled Regular Meeting

Monday, August 24, 2015

Council Chambers, Wolcott Town Hall

7:00 p.m.

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MINUTES

Note: These are summary minutes. A tape recording of this meeting is on file in Wolcott Town Hall, Commission Secretary's Office.

Chairman Cordeau called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Ronald Cordeau, Vice-Chairman Robert Sherman, Steven Lagasse, Harry Najarian, Jeffrey Stango, and Carl Dambrauskas

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Taxpayer: Brian Smail

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

• **June 29, 2015 – Rescheduled Regular Meeting**

Upon **MOTION** by Carl Dambrauskas, seconded by Steven Lagasse, it was unanimously voted to **approve** the minutes of the June 29, 2015 Rescheduled Regular Meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE (on file):

1. **P&R Expenditure Report as of 08-14-15** (Dept. 521)
2. **Notice to Town Clerk dated August 13th advising that the September 7th meeting has been canceled due to the Labor Day holiday**
3. **Copy of Annual Report for FY 2014-2015, submitted to Mayor's Office**
4. **Acquired Facilities Financial Reports as of 08-14-15** (Dept. 30)

TAXPAYERS' TIME: (Limited to Items on the Agenda)

1. **Brian Smail, of 131 Boundline Road** came forward and made the following comments regarding the walking trail:

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- He would like someone to form a committee to look at all of the issues
- He has numerous photos and over 23 hours of videotape showing all of the problems with respect to how it is being constructed
- The largest trees were placed in front of his property
- He has video of the Town dredging the reservoir; pulling the silt out
- There are footings not pinned to rocks; not 3 feet deep; the Building Inspector has passed it off
- Trees are being cut down 200 feet away to satisfy other people trying to get in to do this work
- The contract for the work being done is not being followed

STAFF REPORTS/ PURCHASE ORDER REQUESTS: {Dam Inspectors; Woodtick Recreation Area Director; P&R Program Director; Working Park Attendant}

There were no staff reports or purchase order requests.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS: WALKING TRAIL UPDATE:

Mr. Lagasse reported that the boardwalk and bridge work is done; Grasshopper had a small punch list of items that the Committee wanted them to satisfy before final payment. Final payment was issued mid-August. Nothing else is happening now as the Town Crew is busy with the roads.

An inquiry was made by Mr. Sherman with respect to the railings on the boardwalks, at which time Mr. Lagasse stated that the boardwalks will not have railings, just the bridge at Lindsey Brook. Mr. Sherman noted that he just had some safety concerns on the boardwalks with high elevations. Mr. Lagasse noted that they are not finished; the trail itself still has to be graded. Brief discussion followed.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Park Maintenance Items

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Chairman Cordeau stated that Aldi Fence will be starting the fencing work at the park soon. There was a vandalism issue with a see-saw; it was ripped out of the ground. The Town Crew will try to repair it.

2. Baseball Association of Wolcott (BAW) Lease

Chairman Cordeau reported that he has not heard from the Town Attorney.

3. Discussion Regarding Report from Department of Public Health

Chairman Cordeau reported that they have not heard back from the State.

4. Discussion Regarding Woodtick Recreation Area Pavilion Roof

Chairman Cordeau noted that the replacement of the pavilion is to be handled through the Mayor's Office at this point. There will be some changes, however, the same footprint will be used.

6. Discussion Regarding Volunteer Dam Inspector

Upon **MOTION** by Carl Dambrauskas, seconded by Robert Sherman, it was unanimously voted to **authorize Gary Olmstead** to continue employment with the Town of Wolcott as Dam Inspector, not to exceed seven (7) hours per month.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business on the agenda.

At this time, Mr. Sherman brought up the issue of dredging and stated that Kim Lumia advised him that a few years back, the Town had received funds from the State to dredge Hitchcock Lake. Darlene Tynan was involved at that time and is familiar with those types of grants. Brief discussion followed. Chairman Cordeau stated that they will look into this matter.

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ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:

Old Business:

- Park Maintenance Items
- Baseball Association of Wolcott (BAW) Lease
- Woodtick Recreation Area Pavilion Roof

New Business:

- Dredging

TAXPAYERS' TIME:

1. **Brian Smail, of 131 Boundline Road** came forward and referenced the bridges and boardwalks previously discussed. He stated that the bridges and boardwalks were installed for the purpose of not having to retouch the grading due to the wetlands. The boardwalk coming off of his property is 30 inches high. He questioned how they plan on doing that without disturbing the wetlands.

Mr. Lagasse advised that they are going to regrade so that they do not disturb the wetlands. They have the Town Engineer overseeing it.

Mr. Smail stated that it is impossible to regrade them without disturbing the wetlands.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

No Executive Session was held.

ADJOURNMENT:

Upon **MOTION** by Carl Dambrauskas, seconded by Robert Sherman, it was unanimously voted to **adjourn** the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

APPROVED:

Elizabeth Gaudiosi
Commission Secretary

Ronald Cordeau, Chairman
Parks & Recreation & Acquired Facilities Commission