

**PARKS AND RECREATION AND
ACQUIRED FACILITIES COMMISSION**

Rescheduled Regular Meeting

Monday, January 11, 2016

Council Chambers, Wolcott Town Hall

7:00 p.m.

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

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

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Harry Najarian and Jeffrey Stango

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

• **December 7, 2015 – Regular Meeting**

Upon **MOTION** by Steven Lagasse seconded by Carl Dambrauskas, it was unanimously voted to **approve** the minutes of the December 7, 2015 Regular Meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE (on file):

1. Program Support Summary as of 01-05-16
2. P&R Expenditure Report as of 01-05-16 (Dept. 521)
3. Program Support Request from Wolcott Junior Basketball in the amount of \$9,000
4. Letter dated November 30th from the State of CT Dept. of Public Health regarding Seasonal System Start-Up Procedures
5. Acquired Facilities Financial Reports as of 01-04-15 (Dept. 30)

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

No taxpayers came forward.

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

There were no staff reports or PO Requests.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS: WALKING TRAIL UPDATE:

Mr. Lagasse reported the following:

- They are just about done with the physical work
- The only stretch that is left is the part on Munson Road that doesn't have a walkway
- Public Works is going to move the boulders in as far as possible and then they will line the street there for pedestrians and place signage
- Many suggestions for naming the trail have come in
- The Exchange Club has offered to help in any way they can with the trail
- The Grand Opening will take place on Earth Day; Friday, April 22, 2016
- 20% of the budget remains, which includes reserve fund for future work

Mr. Sherman referenced maintenance on old trail and asked if any of those funds can be used on the old section. Discussion followed on need for work on old trail. If there are funds available over and above what they need, then yes.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Park Maintenance Items

Chairman Cordeau stated that he asked Shane to obtain pricing to replace the 2 play scapes at Peterson Park. The Mayor is also looking into possible grant funds.

2. Baseball Association of Wolcott (BAW) Lease

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

3. Discussion Regarding Woodtick Recreation Area Pavilion

Chairman Cordeau reported that the new pavilion is almost completed. Discussion followed as to whether flashing or an exhaust fan will be added in the cooking area. He also noted that the Mayor's Office is still trying to work out whether a new grill be will covered with the insurance funds.

4. Dredging

Chairman Cordeau reported that there is nothing new to report; there is still no one interested in removing the silt.

5. Program Support Allocations

Upon **MOTION** by Robert Sherman, seconded by Carl Dambrauskas, it was unanimously voted to **allocate \$9,000 from line item #5820** for Program Support for FY 2015-2016 to Wolcott Junior Basketball.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business on the agenda.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:

Old Business:

- Park Maintenance Items
- Baseball Association of Wolcott (BAW) Lease
- Woodtick Recreation Area Pavilion
- Program Support Allocations
- Dredging

TAXPAYERS' TIME:

1. **Steve Tutolo, of 58 Woodward Road**, came forward and stated that they were here this evening to request permission to hold a 5k Trail Run/Walk

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to be held on Saturday, October 15, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. Mr. Tutolo submitted hand-outs to Commission members outlining the details of the event (**see attached**). They are proposing to make it a Lions Club event with proceeds to benefit the Wolcott Community.

Commission members thought it was a great idea. Chairman Cordeau requested that they get permission from the Lions Club first and then come back to the Commission. Brief discussion was held with respect to the proposed event.

2. **Richard Tucker, of 40 Juniper Drive**, came forward and stated that he would like to publicly appeal to Mr. Smail to remove the ugly sign from his property in the interest of the town and the public.
3. **Brian Smail, of 131 Boundline Road**, came forward and stated the sign is up for a reason. He said he was told there would be a natural barrier to his property and that it would be further away; everything has been done wrong and has been done illegally. He will never take the sign down and may put 20 more up. Machines ran through the wetlands; they were not supposed to be touched.

Mr. Lagasse stated that he wants to set the record straight, at which time he noted that the Smails have been publicly stating that they pay higher taxes because of a water view which is incorrect. The assessment record shows a regular tax assessment; there is no such thing as a water view tax. There is only a category of water front, not water views. The property in its virgin state, before their house was built, had native trees from the town line to the lake and mysteriously they are gone. Those trees were in wetlands.

Mr. Smail stated that the trees were not there in aerial photos from 1956. He was not even born in 1956.

4. **Mary Lou Smail, of 131 Boundline Road**, came forward and stated that she has a few questions. She thought the trail was supposed to go closer to the water line and not as close to her backyard. She is having problems with unleashed dogs. There are no signs stating if the trail is open dusk to dawn or any other time. There are people there late at night. She thought originally that the hours were

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supposed to be dusk to dawn. With respect to the 5k mentioned before, she hopes the Commission takes the homeowners into consideration; a lot of people attend those races. The other day there were five people walking across the bridge and one fell off of it. She cannot see a lot of people running across those bridges. In addition, where will all of the spectators be standing? This trail is right in her backyard; she was told it would hug the water. She also questioned if it's a liability to the Town in having people walk on the trail in the rain and snow. Lastly, she stated that when she bought the lot 16 years ago, she was assured that nothing could be built by her property.

Mr. Lagasse noted that she is correct, the trail was originally planned closer to the water, but then they ran into issues with the Army Corps of Engineers; it had to be reconfigured because of that.

At this time, Mr. Sherman stated that he thought the Commission was not able to respond to issues during Taxpayers' Time on the agenda, at which time both Mr. & Mrs. Smail pointed out that the Commission held a discussion with the first speaker regarding the 5k run.

5. Kerry Tutolo, of 58 Woodward Drive, came forward and stated that she took photos of the bridges last week, at which time she showed to the Commission on her phone. She stated that the bridges couldn't be closer to the water than they are. As for falling off of the bridge, she is sure that the runners won't be falling off. As for spectators, they will not be located that far into the trail; they will be at the beginning and/or the end. Lastly, she stated that she feels bad for the homeowners in that they were never expecting to see a trail there.

Mr. Sherman apologized and stated that although they are not supposed to, they did respond to the first speaker.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

No Executive Session was held.

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ADJOURNMENT:

Upon **MOTION** by Robert Sherman seconded by Carl Dambrauskas, it was unanimously voted to **adjourn** the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

APPROVED:

Elizabeth Gaudiosi
Commission Secretary

Ronald Cordeau, Chairman
Parks & Recreation & Acquired Facilities Commission

proposal for
Wolcott Lion's Scenic 5K & Festival

1/11/2016

Scope - We wish to propose a 5k (3.1 mile) trail run – walk along new Scoville Reservoir trail. Event will consist of 5k event at Reservoir trail and then festival at Wolcott Lions' property. Proceeds to benefit the Wolcott Community (Food pantry and or others)

Logistics – Propose to make Wolcott lion's club event (to be voted if approved by Park & Rec)

Date – Saturday October 15th at 11:00AM

Start at Wolcott BAW & enter trail next to Senior Center.

Volunteers to be assigned along route to assist participants and keep order

Portable signage – “ race in progress 11:00Am – 12:30pm” posted at trail parking areas along with course arrows

Application to event will include waiver- and Insurance for event to be purchased

By Lion's club

- Necessary permits, ambulance service, Police etc..
- Start – finish to be run by professional timing service (High Tek Racing or other)
- Parking at Lion's club property or other assigned area (Devon)
- Awards and music festival after at Wolcott Lion's property

PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION

TAXPAYERS' TIME

SIGN-IN SHEET

NAME(Please Print)

ADDRESS (Please Print)

Steve Tuttle 58 Woodland Rd Water

Richard Tucker 46 Juniper Dr.

Brian Small 131 Boudini

Mary Lou Small 131 Brand Line Road

KERRY TUTTLE 58 WOODLAND

Blank lined area for additional sign-ins.

WOLCOTT PARKS RECREATION ACQUIRED FACILITIES COMMISSION

TOWN OF WOLCOTT

10 Kenea Avenue

Wolcott, CT 06716

Phone: 203-879-8100 • Fax: 203-879-8105

Organization Name: WOLCOTT Junior Basketball

Organization Address: 94 TERESA DR.
WOLCOTT, CT. 06716

Organization Point of Contact: MARC LECLERC
Phone Number: 203-525-0521

Tax ID Number (if any):

Cash/Checking Balance as of:	12/31/2014	3/31/2015	6/30/2015	9/30/2015		
	\$ 12,000	1500	1500	1500		
Revenue	2012	2013	2014	3 Yr Total		%
Registration Fees - Resident	22000	23850	23000	0	0	0.0%
Registration Fees - Non-Resident				0	0	0.0%
Total Registration Fees	22000	23850	23000	0	0	0.0%
&R Stipend	9000	9000	9000	0	0	0.0%
Fundraising				0	0	0.0%
Miscellaneous				0	0	0.0%
Total Revenue	\$ 31,000 0	32850 0	32000 0	0	0	0.0%
Expenses						
Equipment/Uniforms	\$ 6,100	4950	4000	0	0	0.0%
Field Maintenance				0	0	0.0%
Fundraising				0	0	0.0%
Officiating	\$ 11,700	12850	10300	0	0	0.0%
Administration	450	550	1400	0	0	0.0%
Player Awards & Banquets	2000	2200	3300	0	0	0.0%
Other	10,600	12000	12000 12000	0	0	0.0%
Total Expense	30,850 0	32550 0	29000 31,000	0	0	0.0%
Net Gain or (Loss)	150 0	300 0	1000 0	0	0	0.0%

Enrollment	2013	2014	2015	3 Year Average
Residents	360	397	381	0
Non-Residents				0
Total	360	397	381	0

2015-2016 Program Request Amount: \$ 9,000

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