

**PARKS AND RECREATION AND  
ACQUIRED FACILITIES COMMISSION**

Regular Meeting

**Monday, March 7, 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 Cordeau called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ronald Cordeau, Robert Sherman, Steven Lagasse, Carl Dambrauskas, and Jeffrey Stango

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Harry Najarian and Jared Kosky

**ALSO PRESENT:** Dave Pelletier, Woodtick Recreation Area Director; Christine DeFilippi; Gloria Clair, Chairman, Commission for Individuals with Special Needs; Donny Vallancourt, Member, Commission for Individuals with Special Needs; et al.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

• **February 1, 2016 – Organizational & Regular Meeting**

Upon **MOTION** by Robert Sherman, seconded by Carl Dambrauskas, it was unanimously voted to **approve** the minutes of the February 1, 2016 Organizational & Regular Meeting.

**CORRESPONDENCE (on file):**

1. **Program Support Summary as of 03-01-16**
2. **P&R Expenditure Report as of 03-01-16 (Dept. 521)**
3. **Program Support Request from Wolcott Midget Football in the amount of \$15,000**
4. **Acquired Facilities Financial Reports as of 03-01-16 (Dept. 30)**
5. **Program Support Summary as of 03-07-16**
6. **Program Support Request from Wolcott Boys & Girls Summer & Fall Basketball in the amount of \$1,000**

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**7. Ordinance #41** (see sections 9.1, 9.2 & 9.3)

**8. Copy of Letter dated March 2<sup>nd</sup> from Phil Olmstead, Sewer & Water Administrator, to J.H. Barlow Pump & Water Conditioning Co. regarding Seasonal System Start-Up Procedures for Peterson Park**

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

No taxpayers came forward.

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

**Woodtick Recreation Area:**

Dave Pelletier came forward and reported the following:

- The new pavilion has been completed; it came out great
- They are scheduled to open the first weekend of May; there are about 25 parties booked already
- Some asphalt work and painting needs to be completed
- The slide will be here Thursday
- There is a small list of items that need to be done, but other than that they are all set to open
- A new sink will be installed in new pavilion
- He submitted proposals for the painting of the underside of the pavilion and posts; they are close to \$10,000
- The truck he is driving has over 280,000 miles on it; it doesn't work anymore; he is in dire need of a vehicle; he has already mentioned it to the Mayor

**SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS: WALKING TRAIL UPDATE:**

Mr. Lagasse reported the following:

- They received close to 100 names for the trail and the Wolcott High School Arts Programs were working on logos
- The subcommittee met a few weeks ago and they had a tough time making a decision

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- Florence Goodman wrote up a historical document and Richard Tucker helped with that (**see attached**)
- They wanted to capture a historical perspective
- Mill Pond was the original name back in the late 1700 – 1800's
- The name was submitted by Pat DeCesare and the logo by Mrs. Debra Stange's art class

Mr. Lagasse net passed around the logo that was chosen (**see attached**).

Upon **MOTION** by Robert Sherman, seconded by Carl Dambrauskas, it was unanimously voted to **accept** the name for the Walking Trail as '**Mill Pond Way**' and accept the **Logo** as recommended by the Sub-Committee for the Walking Trail (**see attached**).

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. Park Maintenance Items**

Chairman Cordeau stated Mr. San Angelo will be starting work again on April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**2. Baseball Association of Wolcott (BAW) Lease**

The Town Attorney advised him that the BAW is reviewing the lease and he is waiting to hear back from the,

**3. Discussion Regarding Woodtick Recreation Area Pavilion**

The pavilion is all ready to go; hopefully they can find funds to paint the underside.

**4. Program Support Allocations**

Upon **MOTION** by Robert Sherman, seconded by Steven Lagasse, it was unanimously voted to **allocate \$11,000 from line item #5820** for Program Support for FY 2015-2016 to Wolcott Midget Football (**see attached**).

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Upon **MOTION** by Robert Sherman, seconded by Steven Lagasse, it was unanimously voted to **allocate \$1,000 from line item #5820** for Program Support for FY 2015-2016 to Wolcott Boys & Girls Summer & Fall Basketball Programs (**see attached**).

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Request Regarding Permit for Community Yoga at Peterson Park**

Christine DeFilippi came forward and stated that she was here this evening because she would like to hold community yoga in Peterson Park. She has been teaching yoga since 1991 and used to own a studio in Southington. She currently teaches at a studio in West Hartford. She next submitted her certifications to the Commission (on file). She would just like to get people together to do yoga. She does not want to rent space and there will be no exchange of money. She noted that she would like to start at 6:00 a.m. at Peterson Park. A question and answer period followed and lengthy discussion was held with respect to insurance and/or permits. The Commission thanked her and Chairman Cordeau advised that he will speak with the Mayor and get back to her.

**2. Request from Commission for Individuals with Special Needs Regarding Electricity**

Gloria Clair and Donny Vallancourt came forward and explained that they would like to install a light and keep a refrigerator in their shed down by the pavilion. It is difficult to see and they also would like refrigeration for water. They would mainly be using it for Special Games and for their 6 week program in the summer. They will pay for the electrical hook-up and are requesting permission to tap into the electrical at Woodtick Recreation Area. Brief discussion ensued and the Commission determined that the expense would be minimal and not a problem.

Upon **MOTION** by Robert Sherman, seconded by Steven Lagasse, it was unanimously voted to **provide** power from existing service at Woodtick Recreation Area to the shed used by the Commission for Individuals with Special Needs (Commission for Individuals with Special Needs will pay for work required to access power).

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**ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:**

***Old Business:***

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

**TAXPAYERS' TIME:**

No taxpayers came forward.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Upon **MOTION** by Carl Dambrauskas, seconded by Steven Lagasse, it was unanimously voted at 7:30 p.m. to enter in Executive Session to discuss Contractual Matters, inviting Dave Pelletier, Woodtick Recreation Area Director.

Dave Pelletier exited Executive Session at 7:40 p.m.

Chairman Cordeau called the regular meeting back to order at 7:45 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Upon **MOTION** by Robert Sherman, seconded by Steven Lagasse, it was unanimously voted to **adjourn** the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

**APPROVED:**

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Elizabeth Gaudiosi  
Commission Secretary

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Ronald Cordeau, Chairman  
Park & Recreation Commission



**MILL POND WAY**

The Upson Millpond located at the intersection of Nichols and Wolf Hill Roads is one of Wolcott's oldest reservoirs. The Mad River flowing through this area, supplied the water needed to produce power. As early as 1776 Judah Frisbie and Elnathan Thrasher operated a sawmill at this location. In 1790 the mill, land and water rights were sold to the Upson family. The Upson's built a stone, concrete and earthen dam creating a 5½-acre man-made pond known as the Upson Millpond. In 1795 Isaac Upson built a house next to the Millpond, which today is found at the entrance of the Woodtick Recreation area. This family operated a sawmill on the south side of Nichols Road in 1801 and continued to live and work there until the mid 1800s.

So began the development of an important manufacturing district which flourished throughout the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Atkins gristmill, originally located below the Great Falls, south of Center Street relocated to this area. Charles Kirk operated a factory in this vicinity manufacturing brass clocks. In 1846 Bennett Upson leased the building and equipment; it later changed to a paper mill owned by Emerson M. Hotchkiss. In 1857, Hezekiah Todd and company acquired the land and continued to produce paper at this site for about ten more years.

In 1872, Gustave Cornelis purchased the Upson property where he established a rolling mill. In 1890 the mill was destroyed by fire, but Cornelis quickly rebuilt it. He constructed a dam with four wooden flumes to carry the water across Nichols Road, which turned a water wheel to generate power to operate the mill. Cornelis became the area's most prominent landowner. It wasn't until the early 1920s that Cornelis sold his business to a firm from New Jersey and the lower dam then became known as the Cornelis Dam.

In 1912 a Waterbury-based corporation began to purchase land along the Mad River for a future reservoir but construction did not begin until 1917. This new dam created the Scovill Reservoir. It covered approximately 330 acres of land and was associated with the Scovill Manufacturing Company. Much of Fairclough Road, which originally ran from Woodtick Road straight through to the intersection of Munson and Coe Roads, was lost to the floodwaters.

Today's Kiwanis Camp site served as a barracks for about 300 workmen. It was these men who built the earthen dam that was constructed of natural materials brought in from the immediate area. A stone crusher was used to make three grades of rock that they used in the cement for the dam. Two 12' X 12' towers were built, one at Wolf Hill Road and one at the end of Scovill Road, which allowed them to bring cement buckets out on a cable to wherever it was needed in the construction process.

The new dam was almost as deep below ground as it was above ground. Wolf Hill Road was built to replace Fairclough Road and the section remaining became known as Scovill Road. The lower end of Bound Line Road below Coe Road was relocated. The section of Woodtick Road near Bound Line Road was raised up about five feet to prevent flooding. Farm properties that belonged to Cornelis, Herbst, Hanson, Higgins, Frisbie and Root were all lost to floodwaters.

The construction of the Woodtick Dam and Reservoir changed the land and the path of the Mad River forever as is evidenced by the disappearance of stone walls, roads and farms. Its memories will be etched in our minds as we hike this historic path. (Written by Florence Goodman and revised by Richard Tucker, 2016)

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 Midget Football & Cheer Association

Organization Address: P.O. Box 6047  
Wolcott, CT 06716

Organization Point of Contact: Scott Rossignol  
Phone Number: 203-509-6041

Fax ID Number (if any): 06-1495314

	12/31/2014	3/31/2015	6/30/2015	9/30/2015
Cash/Checking Balance as of:	\$38,221.64	\$18,705.96	\$30,762.40	\$43,533.86

Revenue	2013	2014	2015	3 Yr Total	%
Registration Fees - Resident	36,730	32,680	27,342	96,752	91.5%
Registration Fees - Non-Resident	2,250	2,043	4,700	8,993	8.5%
<b>Total Registration Fees</b>	<b>38,980</b>	<b>34,724</b>	<b>32,042</b>	<b>105,746</b>	<b>40.5%</b>
P&R Stipend	11,000	11,000	11,000	33,000	12.6%
Fundraising	39,646	42,075	40,561	122,282	46.8%
Miscellaneous	0	0	0	0	0.0%
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>89,626</b>	<b>87,799</b>	<b>83,603</b>	<b>261,028</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
Equipment/Uniforms	9,430	10,676	18,795	38,901	14.9%
Field Maintenance	1,083	1,152	1,073	3,308	1.3%
Fundraising	12,005	11,680	4,615	28,300	10.8%
Officiating	3,550	3,450	3,640	10,640	4.1%
Administration	4,200	4,120	4,225	12,545	4.8%
Player Awards & Banquets	5,400	8,641	6,540	20,581	7.9%
Other	27,658	25,670	26,585	79,913	30.6%
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>63,326</b>	<b>65,389</b>	<b>65,473</b>	<b>194,188</b>	<b>74.4%</b>
<b>Net Gain or (Loss)</b>	<b>26,300</b>	<b>22,410</b>	<b>18,130</b>	<b>66,840</b>	<b>25.6%</b>

Enrollment	2013	2014	2015	3 Year Average
Residents	164	160	178	167
Non-Residents	10	10	20	13
<b>Total</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>181</b>

2015-2016 Program Request Amount: **\$ 15,000.00**

## Beth Gaudiosi

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**From:** Chuck O'Neil <chuckgoneil@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 4, 2016 6:42 PM  
**To:** Beth Gaudiosi  
**Subject:** Re: Program Support  
**Attachments:** WHS Program Request Form FY 2015-2016-1.xlsx

Hi Beth. WOW! I have been sleeping like a baby thinking I had sent this long ago. I even have a copy in my file but apparently I did not as I am sure you would have received. I am very sorry!!

Attached is the 2015-2016 fund request form in support of the basketball programs. Due to lower than expected league fees (which I have been reporting under "Officiating" expenses) and strong fund raising, in particular by the boys Hoops Club, we currently have a surplus in our account of \$1,262.59. Due to this surplus we are requesting \$1,000.00 in funding for 2015-2016 which is a reduction from \$2,100.00 we requested last year.

As always we are very appreciative of the continued support we receive from the Wolcott Parks Recreation Acquired Facilities Commission. Please pass along our thanks to the entire commission.

Thank you.

On Mon, Feb 29, 2016 at 8:31 AM, Beth Gaudiosi <[bgaudiosi@wolcottct.org](mailto:bgaudiosi@wolcottct.org)> wrote:

Hi Chuck!

Wanted to make sure you don't forget to send your request in.

Will you still be running the summer basketball this year?

If yes, email me the form in.

Do you still have?

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 Boys & Girls Summer & Fall Basketball

Organization Address:

223 Beach Road, Wolcott, CT 06716

Organization Point of Contact:

Chuck O'Neil

Phone Number:

879-5417

Tax ID Number (if any):

	12/31/2014	3/31/2015	6/30/2015	9/30/2015	
Cash/Checking Balance as of:	\$23.75	\$2,337.59	\$4,337.59	\$1,262.59	
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>3 Yr Total</b>	<b>%</b>
Registration Fees - Resident	640	600	560	1,800	100.0%
Registration Fees - Non-Resident				0	0.0%
Total Registration Fees	640	600	560	1,800	14.4%
P&R Stipend	2,100	2,100	2,100	6,300	50.4%
Fundraising	1,699	1,100	1,440	4,239	33.9%
Miscellaneous	160			160	1.3%
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>4,599</b>	<b>3,800</b>	<b>4,100</b>	<b>12,499</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
Equipment/Uniforms		386		386	3.1%
Field Maintenance				0	0.0%
Fundraising	4,575	3,200	3,075	10,850	86.8%
Officiating				0	0.0%
Administration				0	0.0%
Player Awards & Banquets				0	0.0%
Other				0	0.0%
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>4,575</b>	<b>3,586</b>	<b>3,075</b>	<b>11,236</b>	<b>89.9%</b>
<b>Net Gain or (Loss)</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>1,025</b>	<b>1,263</b>	<b>10.1%</b>

	2013	2014	2015	3 Year Average
<b>Enrollment</b>				
Residents	32	30	28	30
Non-Residents				0
<b>Total</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>30</b>

2015-2016 Program Request Amount:

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