

## **Recreation Advisory Board Minutes February 21, 2008**

Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm

In attendance: Luke Papamichael, RAB Chair; John Harmon, School Rep; Tim Auclair, Selectmen's Rep; Chris Gillen, RAB; Angel Miller, RAB; Jeff Sweeney, RAB; Mike Bryant, NorRock; Steve Foster, NorRock; Chris Rose, Town Manager; Ernie Creveling, Town Planner; Paul Coates, RYAA; Dave Spinney, RSC; Wendy Spence, RYAA; Paul Spence, RYAA; Michelle Gordon, Rec Director.

NorRock field expansion - lots of discussion. Mike talked about how the league is set up – number of players, towns in the league, etc. They want to upgrade the field (possibly with turf), add on to the building and build a second (practice) field. They have had the Manchester airport environmentalist survey the area and they believe they can build a field there. NorRock would like to know the rules and regulations of the town. They are also looking for any history or past agreements. Mike stated that the field and building were built with NorRock funds years ago. Paul discussed that RYAA has also put money toward the fields including paying, at times, the mortgage on the building. Angel stated the RYBA would like to build an outdoor basketball court at the area if there is sufficient room. NorRock is interested in additional land for fields if they cannot expand at the 107 area.

Action items: NorRock & RYAA to draft a written agreement

NorRock to bring to Ernie (town planner) the history of the area and a plan with maps, drawings, dimensions, etc...

If the RHS football article passes, the school will also have to make an agreement with NorRock

Track Refurbishment Grant – School Board says yes for RAB to pursue grant. Michelle discussed that this is a matching funds grant and money needs to be secured before the grant will be awarded. No one has received meet regulations from NHIAA. Luke did talk with Ed Burgess, Londonderry HS coach, he said we would need at least 6 lanes to hold events. He also said that everyone is going to the fast tracks. There was some discussion about flooding and how well the new track surface would hold up.

Field Use Policy – Motion by Chris G, second by Tim. Passed unanimously.

Soccer Field Development – Luke discussed what is in the plan for the near future. They have met with Dennis and he told them they could purchase loam and use any company to test it. Tim talked about possible fill from exit 4 project. Chris R. will talk with the developer (Elmer Pease) about possible fill.

Skateboard Park – Luke was upset that RAB had not heard anything about the Ambulance building being built on the land that now houses the skatepark. He felt that the warrant article

should have a plan for moving the skatepark. Chris R. discussed that Raymond Ambulance is making plans with Elmer Pease to build their building near the Fire Department (possibly on the skate park). Tim said if the articles passes the skatepark will have to be rebuilt in a new location at the cost of the developer. He gave some options: the piece of land the Ambulance is trading or possibly the brownfield area. Luke discussed the importance of the skatepark and giving the kids a different opportunity in Raymond. Luke asked Tim to keep him informed of any info about moving the park.

January Minutes – Motion by John, second by Chris G. All agree.

Dates & Times of Meetings – There was some discussion about changes. Every night is difficult with so many other boards and committees meeting. Tim can not always meet on Thursdays. There may be new representatives following the elections. At this time is was left the same – the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm.

Motion to adjourn by Chris G. second by John. Good night

Next meeting: March 13, 2008