

Merrimack Parks and Recreation Committee

Special Meeting Minutes

July 25, 2012

Town Hall Conference Room

*Typically, this committee does not hold a July meeting but due to some time constraints, the Pavilion Subcommittee would like to give a presentation at this meeting. In addition, the Dog Park Subcommittee will be presenting 2 letters that they would like recommended and sent out for further approval.

This special July meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm.

Members present:	Tom Thornton	Laura Jaynes
	Shannon Barnes	Jackie Flood
	Lynne Wenz	Lorraine Lessard
	Holly Lewis	Sherry Kalish

Absent: Chris Christensen, Don Nevers, Phil Straight

Public attendees: Peter Flood, Theresa Machado, Gary Watson, Barbara Watson

New Chairman, Tom Thornton thanked people for attending this meeting to keep the subcommittees process in motion.

Dog Park Sub-Committee: As Chair of the Subcommittee, Lynne Wenz presented 2 draft letters for approval by the full committee. The first letter was addressed to the 5 abutters of Watson Park, for permission to step over their boundary lines for on-going improvements. After a brief discussion, the letter was unanimously approved. 7-0-0
The second letter was for solicitation purposes addressing Merrimack area merchants. After some discussion and editing, this letter was also approved. 7-0-0
Lynne stated that there will be a Watson Park clean-up on July 31st – Aug. 1 directed by the DPW. No volunteers will be needed for this due to liability concerns.
Theresa Machado spoke about the T-shirts that are now available for purchase as part of the Subcommittee's fundraising efforts. \$12 a shirt, (\$15 for XXL). The previously scheduled Bowl-a-thon fundraiser has been postponed at this time.

Pavilion Sub-Committee: Pavilion Sub-Committee member, Peter Flood, presented a detailed and comprehensive final plan to the full committee. He distributed a packet of information which included a philosophy of use, a map of the area, diagrams, foundation specifications and fund raising. He also included a list for bid specifications. (This bid does not include the roof. The roof is being done by a Rotary volunteer.) After some discussion and questions, the full Committee voted 6-1-0, to support this Pavilion project. Peter is planning to present this at the Aug. 16th Town Council meeting.

Other: There was discussion about the project process. It seems that subcommittee plans should come before the full P & R committee, to the Town Manager, to the community developer, to the Planning Board (new?) then to the DPW.

Shannon Barnes complimented both sub-committees for their efforts and encouraged them to look for grants to help with fundraising.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm. Motion by Shannon Barnes, 2nd by Laura Jaynes.

The next regular meeting will be held on Thursday, Aug. 9th at 5:00 pm for a cookout at Camp Naticook and to attend the Camper's Theater Show.