

**Merrimack Parks and Recreation Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, 09.21.16**  
**Merrimack Town Hall, Memorial Conference Room**  
**7:00 pm**

Attendees: Chris Christensen, Laura Jaynes, Julie Poole, Christine Lavoie, Michael Thompson – School Board Member, Rick Greenier – MYA and Michelle Cushman

Parks and Recreation Director: Matt Casparius

Absent:

Excused: Maureen Hall – Senior Citizens Club, Dan Dwyer – Town Council and Dan Ricker

Public:

Start time: 7:01pm

- 1 Open Meeting/Introduction
- 2 Approval of minutes from August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016
  - Laura Jaynes made the motion to accept the August Meeting Minutes
  - Christine Lavoie 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion
  - 7-0-0 motion passed
- 3 New Business
  - Preliminary Budget discussion - Matt Casparius and committee suggestions
    - What programs and services should we be advocating for?
      - Increased salary for seasonal positions such as lifeguard and camp councilor
      - Field improvements
      - Septic system for a cabin at Wasserman Park
      - Water front at Wasserman Park
      - Port-a-potty for summer events at Watson Park
      - Maintenance position
      - New fields
      - Put money in the capital reserve fund
      - Playground equipment
      - Basketball court
      - Signage at Wasserman Park
      - Possibly move the skateboard park and tennis courts at O’Gara Drive to another location
      - Disc golf
      - Wasserman Park forestry/landscaping work
- 4 Old Business
  - Merrimack Dog Park - Christine Lavoie and Matt Casparius
    - Project Update

- Final approval from Town Council has been obtained for funds for around \$69,000
  - Construction will take approximately 6-8 weeks to complete and goal is completion before snow falls
  - Request to approve expenditures – Sponsorship Signs - \$240
    - Michelle Cushman made the motion to release the \$240 for the expenditures
    - Julie Poole 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion
    - 7-0-0 motion passed
- 5 Director's Report - Matt Casparius
  - Fall programs update
    - Hard copies of the Fall Brochure are located at the Town Hall, Library, online and Parks and Recreation office
  - Upcoming special events
    - Need to compile list of new special events
    - Business Expo from 10am-2pm
    - Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup> from 5-8pm at Wasserman Park Halloween Party
      - Haunted house will be there this year
- 6 Organization Reports
  - Senior Citizens Club - Maureen Hall – not present
  - MYA - Rick Greenier
    - Sports currently in session include football and soccer
    - Basketball and wrestling are currently being signed up
    - Sign in front of building has been repaired
  - Town Council –Dan Dwyer – not present
  - School Board – Michael Thompson
    - Track at the High School has been
    - Capital reserves, O’Gara Drive and turf field was recently discussed
- 7 Comments from the Public - was nothing
- 8 Comments from the Committee
  - Merrimack Rocks is Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>
- 9 Future Meeting Dates
  - Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>
  - Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>
- 10 Adjourn at 7:55pm
  - Michelle Cushman made the motion to adjourn at 7:55pm
  - Christine Lavoie 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion
  - 7-0-0 motion passed

Respectfully submitted,  
Michelle Cushman