**Merrimack Parks and Recreation Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, 12.07.16**

**Wasserman Park, Function Hall**

**7:00 pm**

Attendees: Chris Christensen, Laura Jaynes, Julie Poole, Christine Lavoie, Michael Thompson – School Board Member, Rick Greenier – MYA, Maureen Hall – Senior Citizens Club, Dan Dwyer – Town Council and Michelle Cushman

Parks and Recreation Director: Matt Casparius

Absent:

Excused:

Public:

Start time: 7:00pm

1 Open Meeting/Introduction

2 Approval of minutes from October 19th 2016

* Christine Lavoie made the motion to accept the October Meeting Minutes
* Laura Jaynes 2nd the motion
* 5-0-4 motion passed

3 Old Business

* Merrimack Dog Park Update - Christine Lavoie and Matt Casparius
  + Fencing install has started
  + Rule sign, gates and sponsor sign are next on the list to install
  + There will be a soft launch and then grand opening which will be scheduled

4 Director's Report - Matt Casparius

* Report on Annual Halloween Party
  + About 400 people attended
  + High School Interact Club volunteered
  + Suggesting putting lights at Wasserman Park to help with all events that are held at the park
* Report on Holiday Parade & Tree Lighting
  + About 20 floats and 600 people attended
  + High School Interact Club volunteered
* Winter Activities Brochure
  + Complete and ready to distribute
* Hiring Update
  + Program Coordinator and Summer Camp employment opportunities are open
* Disc Golf Update
  + $600 has been raised and possible next fundraising step would be to socialize sponsoring each hole

1. Organization Reports

* Senior Citizens Club - Maureen Hall
  + Christmas Party was just held and was successful
  + Salem Cross Trip is sold out
  + Boston Pops Trip
  + Tall Ships might be a possible event that is being looked into
  + Open House is being scheduled
* MYA - Rick Greenier
  + Sports currently in session include basketball and wrestling
* Town Council –Dan Dwyer
  + Encouraged this committee to have a voice in the budget season and projects to improve the town
* School Board – Michael Thompson
  + High School Football team had an excellent year
  + Capital reserves, O’Gara Drive and turf field was pushed out one year

7 Comments from the Public - was nothing

8 Comments from the Committee - was nothing

9 Future Meeting Dates

* Wednesday, January 18th

10 Adjourn at 8:00pm

* Michelle Cushman made the motion to adjourn at 8:00pm
* Rick Greenier 2nd the motion
* 9-0-0 motion passed

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Cushman