



Setti D. Warren
Mayor

Newton Parks & Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes
City Hall, Room 209, 7:00pm
November 19, 2012



Robert J. DeRubeis
Commissioner

Attending: Arthur Magni, Chairman, Richard Tucker, Vice-Chairman, Bob DeRubeis, Commissioner, Fran Rice, Walter Bernheimer, Peter Johnson, Don Fishman, Peter Kastner, Jack Neville, Robin McLaughlin, Secretary

Meeting called to order at 7:01pm

1. Meeting Minutes – October 15, 2012 – accepted 8-0

2. Commissioner's Reports on Programs, Forestry and Maintenance

- Hurricane Sandy:
 - The department received 975 phone calls
 - 50 trees fell on homes
 - 182 streets were blocked
 - Urban Forestry Director Marc Welch and the new tree crew did a great job
 - Northern Tree, the City's tree contractor provided great response
 - NSTAR continues to be an issue- NSTAR did not show up in Newton until three days after the storm
 - There are two piles of debris. One at Rumford Ave and one at Eliot St DPW yard.
- The Indoor Farmers Market began November 13 at the Hyde Community Center on Lincoln St. The market will be held every Tuesday, 1:30 pm- 6:00pm through June 18, 2013. There were some concerns from the local merchants, the issues are being addressed.
- The Craft Fair was a success over the past weekend
- Camp Scholarship year-end report- (attached). Mr. Bernheimer asked how this report compares to last year's report. Commissioner DeRubeis commented the report is similar to last year and the department is anticipating additional requests next year because NCSC has closed.
- Currently Recreation Manager Stephanie Lapham is working on the current playground projects; Underwood School, Emerson Community Center, Newton Highlands and Burr School.
- The Waban Hill Reservoir is being offered to Newton for possible use by the MWRA.
- Coming up: December Vacation Camp, Camp Fair on January 27 at NNHS, Skiing & Snowboarding registration
- Commissioner DeRubeis congratulated Mr. Fishman for receiving the Phi Beta Kappa award from Boston College. The award is given to an outstanding teacher who has positively influenced the BC experience.

3. Crystal Lake Kiosk- Schuyler Larrabee, Crystal Lake Working Group

- Commissioner DeRubeis commented the Crystal Lake Working Group has had a very successful beginning. Action items move forward quickly. There are different interest groups represented but all agree the water quality of the lake is the priority. Signs have

been posted to identify watershed areas and some of the sewers have been marked. One of the recommendations from the group is to install a kiosk at the lake to provide information to the public.

- Mr. Larrabee presented a drawing of the proposed kiosk (attached). The kiosk would be 4 sided, made of artificial lumber with a standing seam metal roof.
- Mr. Kastner asked who would incur the cost. Commissioner DeRubeis commented he has spoken with the Inspectional Services department and they do not need to be involved. The P & R Department would cover part or all of the cost with the swim lesson revolving account funds, depending on the price of the kiosk.
- Commissioner DeRubeis commented he received an e-mail from Mr. Stern asking who would monitor the kiosk and the material posted to the kiosk. The P & R Department would monitor the kiosk.
- Mr. Kastner asked why the information cannot be posted in the bath house. Commissioner DeRubeis stated the bath house is not open year round.
- Chairman Magni asked who would maintain the kiosk. Commissioner DeRubeis stated the P & R Department will handle the maintenance.

Mr. Tucker made the motion to approve the proposal to a public hearing. Mr. Bernheimer seconded the motion. Motion approved 8-0.

- Chairman Magni stated the public hearing for the Crystal Lake kiosk will be held at the January 28, 2013 Commission meeting.

4. Relay For Life-1st Meeting –Informational, Sharon Stout

- The American Cancer Society would like to formally request the use of Forte Park in Newton for its annual Relay for Life event, taking place on Saturday and Sunday June 1st & 2nd 2013. The request is for use of the entire park beginning at 11:00 am on June 1st ending at 10:00 am on June 2nd. The event itself will run from 6:00 pm to 6:00 am.
- Commissioner DeRubeis commented this is a terrific event and the department has never received any complaints about the event.

Mr. Johnson made the motion to approve the proposal for a public hearing. Mr. Kastner seconded the motion. Motion passed 8-0.

- Chairman Magni stated the public hearing will be held at the December 17, 2012 Commission meeting.

5. CPC Appointment

- Mr. Bernheimer stated he has been a member of the Community Preservation Committee (CPC), as a representative of the P & R Commission, and his term has expired. This is a worthwhile committee; there is approximately \$3million/year to spend on historic preservation, open space, and affordable housing. The Commission needs to appoint a member to the committee.
- Mr. Kastner asked what is involved in being a member to the CPC. Mr. Bernheimer stated the meetings are once/month, occasionally there are special meetings. There are materials to read prior to the meetings. Mr. Bernheimer stated he has enjoyed being on the CPC. The CPC actually gets things done.

- Mr. Fishman volunteered to take the position on the CPC representing the P & R Commission.

6. Outdoor Ice Skating Rules & Regulations-

- Commissioner DeRubeis presented the Outdoor Ice Skating Rules & Regulations for the 2012-2013 seasons (attached). There are no changes from last year.
- Commissioner DeRubeis commented the water chestnuts along the Charles River, near the Auburndale Cove are growing out of control. The State must make a push to get the water chestnuts under control and then the City could maintain the area.
- Several of the villages have sponsored outdoor ice skating rinks; Newton Centre, Newton Highlands, Lower Falls and Newtonville.

Mr. Bernheimer made the motion to accept the 2012-2013 outdoor ice skating rules as presented.

Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. Motion passed 8-0.

7. New Business

- No New business

Meeting Adjourned 7:59pm

Respectfully submitted,

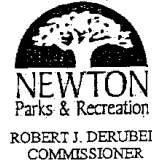
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October 2012

To: Commissioner DeRubeis and Kathy

From: Stephanie Lapham, Recreation Manager

Newton Parks and Recreation Department Scholarship – 2012 Final Report

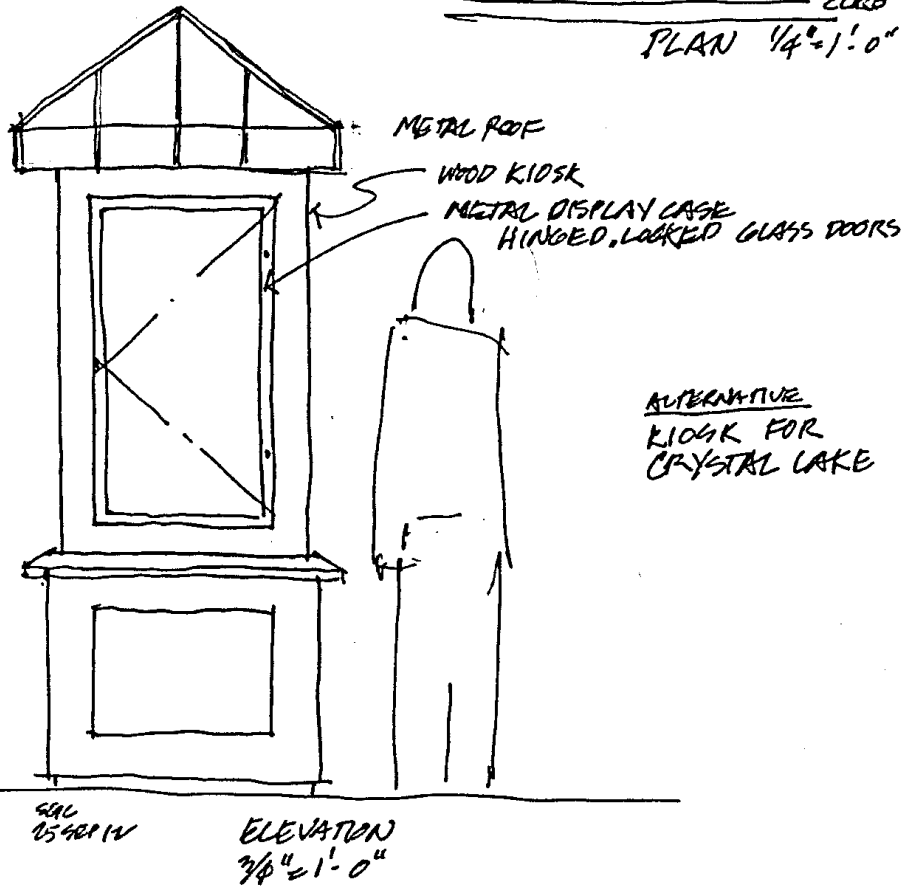
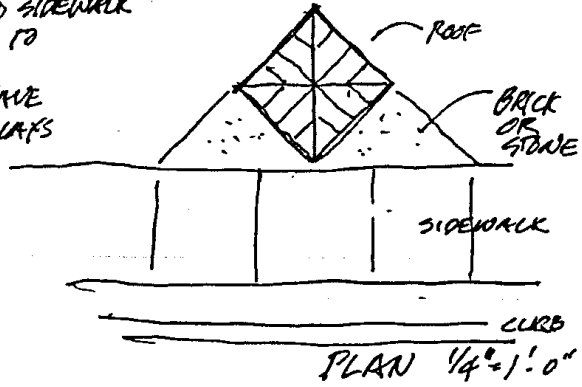
Money available for the summer of 2012 was \$64,786.00. The number of applicants increased from 2011 to 2012 by 28 with a total of 90 in 2012. This was due in part of a partnership with Newton Community Service Center where we provided camp opportunity and scholarship to 22 participants. Of the 90, 85 applicants accepted the scholarship at a total of \$55,999.00 and attended camp some going to two or more of our camps. The remaining 5 applicants did not qualify or declined our offering and did not attend. The amount awarded to each participant was based on need and number of weeks attending camp. Every applicant whom applied was awarded approximately 80% in scholarship per week toward their tuition. Below please note the list of camp offerings, scholarships awarded to each with the amount, and the amount of money raised by each camp for the scholarship program.

Camp	#of scholarship awarded	Amount awarded	Amount raised	Difference
Albemarle Acres	34	\$14,239.00	\$ 4,235.00	\$10,004.00
Acres in the Falls	10	\$ 2,432.00	\$ 1,310.00	\$ 1,122.00
Auburndale Station	13	\$ 6,823.00	\$ 2,280.00	\$ 4,543.00
Camp Brunen Brook	15	\$ 8,962.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 6,462.00
Camp Echo Bridge	3	\$ 2,955.00	\$ 3,970.00	\$ (1,015.00)
Centre Acres	27	\$14,718.00	\$ 4,350.00	\$10,368.00
CIT Albemarle	2	\$ 900.00	\$ 180.00	\$ 720.00
CIT Echo Bridge	2	\$ 910.00	\$ 235.00	\$ 675.00
Extreme/Outdoor Adventure	5	\$ 800.00	\$ 550.00	\$ 250.00
Kids Korner	3	\$ 1,890.00	\$ 1,155.00	\$ 735.00
Thundercats	1	\$ 300.00	\$ 1,055.00	\$ (755.00)
T-Ville Trails	0	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,845.00	\$ (1,845.00)
Funtastic Summer	2	\$ 200.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 200.00
Newton Adventure Camp	8	\$ 670.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 670.00
Vacation Camp at Burr Park	2	\$ 200.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 200.00
Totals	127	\$55,999.00	\$23,375.00	\$32,624.00

Please note that the money in the difference line should be awarded to the individual camps or the scholarship fund as noted. A positive number means that the amount of scholarship awarded exceeds the amount the camp made with the \$5.00 per person, therefore the dollar amount as indicated should be put into the camp account. Any amount with a negative () dollar amount means the amount raised exceeds the amount awarded for scholarship and this money should be taken from the camp account and put into the scholarship account.

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TO SHOW TWO SIDES TO
PEDESTRIANS
OTHER TWO SIDES HAVE
PERMANENT DISPLAYS





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OUTDOOR SKATING

2012 -2013

The following standards are used in determining sufficient ice thickness for safe skating:

Auburndale – Ware’s Cove	6” Black Ice,	9” Snow Ice
Newtonville – Bullough’s Pond	6” Black Ice,	9” Snow Ice
Newton Centre – Crystal Lake	**6” Black Ice,	9” Snow Ice

Note: Due to the varying water depths, unevenness of freezing, and an inability to contain the skating areas, the entire Lake must be frozen in order for safe skating to occur.

**Black Ice is formed by the freezing of water without a snowcap on it; thus creating a non-porous ice that is strong in consistency. Snow Ice is formed when a snow covers, over a thin layer of black ice melts and re-freezes to form a white porous ice.

HOURS OF OPERATION

- At the outset of the coming skating season, it is recommended that the hours of operation for Auburndale Cove, be as follows:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday	3:00 – 9:00 PM
Tuesday	2:00 – 9:00 PM
Saturday, Sunday, Holidays*, Vacations	10:00 AM – 9:00 PM

- At the outset of the coming skating season, it is recommended that the hours of operation for Bullough’s Pond and Crystal Lake be as follows:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday	3:00 – Dusk
Tuesday	2:00 – Dusk
Saturday, Sunday, Holidays*, Vacations	10:00 AM – Dusk

- If attendance does not warrant keeping the facility or facilities open during operation hours, it is then recommended that a cutback of program hours be instituted on an as needed basis with Managers approval.

*HOLIDAYS: Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year’s Eve, New Year’s Day, Martin Luther King Day and President’s Day. The facilities will open for regular vacation hours only if we are able to procure adequate staff for safe operation. If the facilities will be closed, notification will be made to the Public and Safety Personnel at least 24 hours in advance. Exception: All facilities will close at 5:00 PM on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year’s Eve.

Fees are no longer charged for outdoor skating as per recommendation of the City’s Law Department (2/5/92)

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