

DURHAM RECREATION MINUTES
WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 19, 2008

The Recreation Committee met at the Town Hall on Wednesday, September 19, 2008. Chairman Kate McLaughlin called the meeting to order @7:10 p.m.

Members present: Karen Kean (alt), Kate McLaughlin, Ann Figoras, Linda Handley, Sherry Hill, Chris Manemeit, Toby Bates, Brendan O'Connell (alt), Liz Cipollina, Mike Doyle. Absent: Joan Bowe and Cheryl Salva.

The minutes were reviewed and approved.

2008 Summer Programs were a success on all fronts. Summer Teen Nights at Camp Farnum were a new addition and were a huge success, with hopes that they will be continued next summer. Mike Doyle reported on various planned improvements at Camp Farnum. The possibility of incorporating swim lessons and free swim sessions next summer into the P&R programs was also discussed.

Summer Playground and Little People enjoyed another successful season. Record-high enrollment, a new slew of counselors, and a terrific program coordinator contributed to a fun few weeks. A formal request to consider extending the program in both increased hours and days was considered. The committee voted to keep the program in place as is with its present parameters for summer 2009. Motion made by Toby Bates, seconded by Ann Figoras.

Sports Clinics including Fun Runs and basketball also went well. Discussion about whether to stick with the present fees and the cotton T-shirts or upgrade to reversible pinnys. The cost would be greater. It was suggested that possibly a sponsor could be found but for now, it was voted to keep with the present T's and fees. Toby Bates made the motion and Linda Handly seconded.

The wording for the "rules sign" to be erected at Allyn Brook Park was finalized based on various recommendations by those who work the programs, Sherry Hill, and the town attorney. Chris Manemeit made the motion, Linda Handly seconded, all voted in favor of submitting the wording to the Board of Selectmen for approval.

The Halloween Parade will be held at Brewster School on October 25th. In order to "ramp up" the fun, the committee voted to rent a Moonbounce. Linda Handly made the motion, Liz Cipollina seconded, all voted in favor. Sherry Hill reported on plans to send a flyer home through out the schools the week before.

Many folks and organizations received special thanks for their contributions throughout the year: Camp Farnum, The Boy Scouts, Lorrie Martin, and Karen Kean.

The Park and Rec Committee's articles of authority state that we are in need of a vice-chair. Liz Cipollina nominated Chris Manemeit. It was seconded by Kate McLaughlin and all members voted unanimously to install Chris as our new vice-chair.

We adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Next meeting – Wednesday, October 15 @ 7PM at Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,
Elizabeth S. Cipollina, Secretary

