

Approved 12/12/06  
HAMPDEN PARKS & RECREATION  
MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 28, 2006

Meeting called to order at 7:06pm.

**Attendance:** Chris McDonald, Huck House and Mark Goossens. Larry Forrest arrived at 7:08pm.

**Minutes:** The minutes from November 14, 2006 were read. Mark made a motion to accept the minutes from November 14, 2006 as read. Huck seconded. All in favor and so voted. 4-0

**Bills:** Reviewed and paid.

**2008 Budget:** Capital Improvements were discussed. The RAH building roof is leaking. Mark offered to put a tarp over the roof for now until we can get an opinion as to whether the roof can be repaired or a whole new roof is needed. Huck left a message for a roofer to see if he can tell us how bad of shape the roof is in. If the roofer deems that we need a new roof, we will get a bid from him. Three estimates will be needed. Salaries were discussed. It was agreed to ask that the clerk position be fully funded at 16 hours per week. Operating Expenses were discussed. It was agreed to ask for a 2.5% increase over FY07. The Selectmen have asked that we keep our requests close to the same amounts as last year or up to 2.5% higher.

**Old Business:** Park bathrooms-The bathrooms are ADA compliant per Mark Feeney. The only thing needed would be a couple of grab bars.

TWB Trophy Cases-Chris and Bob cleaned out the trophy cases and disposed of old and broken pieces.

GM Gym-We are aware of the Green Meadow gym being left open one day last weekend. We checked with the last coach there and he did lock up the building. The use of the school gym keys will be tightened by the Parks & Recreation Department and the Police Department.

TWB Gym Floor-The gym floor is being worked on regularly with a machine to scuff it up to help the situation. The custodians are not applying anything to the floor. Larry feels that it is better and that it is safe.

Park Road-The Park road has been widened and the brush along the sides has been trimmed back by the Highway Department. The road is now wider and safer for two cars to pass. Chris will draft a thank you letter to Dana for his efforts. Mark suggested that we measure and mark so that we can establish where the stakes were at any time. This way it will save having to hire a surveyor again.

Park Electricity-The power at the Park will be shut off for the winter. The bathrooms will be winterized by Tom McLaughlin this week.

**New Business:** Movies-We have new movie suggestions from John Flynn who prints up all of our movie flyers. We will show Pirates of the Caribbean, Dead Man's Chest on January 13 and Ice Age, The Meltdown on February 3. Cars will be shown on December 9.

Soccer Registration-Signups will be November 21-December 9. Saturday signups will be December 2 & 9 from 10-11:30am.

Mark made a motion to adjourn at 8:16pm. Huck seconded. All in favor and so voted. 4-0

Next meeting: December 12, 2006 at 7:00pm.