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## MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE: March 18, 2015

PRESENT:

Denis Curran  
John Cusolito  
Steve Ozahowski, Chairperson  
Brad Tilley  
Phil Tocci  
Sean Timmons, Recreation Director  
Jennifer Carney, Administrative Assistant  
Not Present: Mary Buntin

AGENDA ITEMS DISCUSSED:

1. **Approve Minutes:** Brad made a **MOTION** to approve the previous meeting notes from February 12, 2015. Phil 2<sup>nd</sup>, Approved 4-0
2. **Tom Catalano-Cross Country Ski Program:** Tom Catalano shared his idea to promote the Discover Hamilton Trail by creating a groomed cross country ski trail. This trail would support traditional and the skate ski techniques. He is using the Carlisle and Weston trails as model programs. He is building up his volunteer base and offered to purchase/donate the specialized sled to pull the grooming equipment. Volunteers would help maintain trail over the season. He is also working with each of the property owners along the trail for approval as well. Group discussion ensued regarding the recreational opportunities of ski lessons at Patton loop, ski rentals etc. Tom will put together a PowerPoint presentation to lay out his proposal in greater detail as more progress is made at a future meeting.
3. **Discussion and Vote for Hamilton Town Meeting Article in regards to Patton Property sale proceeds for recreational fields:** Stabilization Fund for the Patton Property proceeds is on the ATM warrant, Article 2015/4 2-9. This article will, "see if the Town will establish a Stabilization Fund for the special purpose of funding recreational fields and all incidental and related costs, and further transfer money from the current Stabilization Fund to this special purpose Stabilization Fund, or take any other action thereon or relative thereto. (Expected request of \$500,000.00)" Brad made a **MOTION** to be in favor of Article 2015/4 2-9 as presented, Denis 2<sup>nd</sup>, Approval 4-0
4. **Update on Veterans' Memorial Pool:** Tom Scarlata, BH&A, plans to present at the Public Presentation scheduled on March 18th as well as at the Annual Town Meeting (ATM). He will be followed by messages and updates from Sean and other members of the Recreation Board. Items to be presented include: design layouts, funding options, revenue breakdown, types of program scheduling and mention how lack of pool affected the swim team and the summer park program attendance.
5. **Update on Turf Working Group:** Working group meeting went well and they met with Essex County Community Foundation to discuss donation options. This group helps educate non-profit organizations in Essex County. With the Patton Property Stabilization Fund on the ATM warrant some community members don't understand the pool and stabilization fund are not related. A letter will be drafted by the Recreation Board to deliver one precise message explaining each warrant article related to recreation to avoid miscommunication or confusion. Suggestion was also made to put together a fact /myth information sheet to help inform the community better before ATM as well.
6. **Sunday Concert at Patton Park:** Discussion ensued on the option to sponsor one of the concerts at the Summer Concert series. Denis made a **MOTION** to donate \$250.00, no 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion fails.



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7. **Spring Field Permits:** Most of the permits are in already for the upcoming season. Sean had a successful meeting with Bill Tyack (Wenham DPW), Bill Redford (Hamilton DPW) and Jason Waldron (HW Facilities) to discuss what is necessary to prepare the playing fields as the snow melts. A lot of work needs to be done before anyone can begin to use them. Signs will be posted around the playing fields to make everyone aware the fields need time to dry out before use. ELM will prep a couple of fields that are shared with the HWRHS. The cost of those shared fields will be split between Rec Dept and HWRHS. User group meeting will take place in a couple of weeks. It will be important to communicate to the group they cannot go on fields until they are all cleared by the Rec Dept.
8. **Adjournment-** Steve **MOTION** to adjourn at 8pm, Brad 2<sup>nd</sup>- Approved 5-0

**NEXT MEETING: TBD**