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MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE: September 21, 2015

PRESENT:

Mary Buntin, Denis Curran, John Cusolito, Steve Ozahowski-Chairperson, Brad Tilley, Phil Tocci,
Sean Timmons-Recreation Director, Jennifer Carney-Administrative Assistant
Guests: Tom Catalano

AGENDA ITEMS DISCUSSED:

Approve Minutes, Steve made a motion to approve the minutes from 7/20 & 8/17, Brad 2nd, Approve 6-0

1. **Tom Catalano – X-Country Skiing:** Tom provided an update to the board about his proposal for a groomed cross country ski trail network, where a portion would be located at Patton Park. Tom informed the committee that he was working on getting his insurance in place which would be the last step in be able to run the trails at the Park. The Recreation Committee was fully supportive of the endeavor and wished him the best of luck.
2. **Veterans Memorial Pool update:** The pool project went before the planning board for an informal review earlier in the month. The designer took some of their comments and will make minor changes to design for formal presentation set for the next planning Board Meeting. If approved the project will move to the ZBA, for final review and recommendation.
3. **Turf Field Working Group Update:** Public presentation set for Thursday, September 24th by Gale Associates. The Turf working group has invited members form the school committee, Hamilton BoS, Wenham Bos, as well as members of the public to attend.
4. **Baseball Dugouts:** Dugouts are currently being constructed, with about 2 weeks remaining until they are complete. The builders were able to pull all of the proper permits and provide the town with insurance. There discussion about a possible ribbon cutting ceremony, Sean will follow up.
5. **Baseball/Softball Fields Update:** At the previous meeting the committee discussed potential solutions to our softball field shortage. Many options were discussed but it seemed the best option would be to skin the cutler infield to make it a full time softball field. Sean let the committee know that he would need to get school approval but he has had previous conversations with the school and felt this would not be an issue. **Denis made a motion to recommend that the Culter School infield be skinned to become a full time softball field, pending school approval, Brad 2nd, All in favor 6-0**
6. **Chebacco Beach Update:** After much discussion in the town about the possibility of operating Chebacco beach it was deemed in the best interest to offer it as a “Swim at your own Risk” facility.
7. **Fall program Update:** Sean provided the committee with an update of the fall programs. It was still early in the fall season but Sean was pleased with the level of participation and registrants.
8. **New Business:** - none
9. **Adjournment:** Steve **MOTION** to adjourn, Phil 2nd- Approved 6-0

NEXT MEETING: TBD