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MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE: January 12, 2015

PRESENT:

Mary Buntin
John Cusolito
Steve Ozahowski, Chairperson
Brad Tilley
Phil Tocci
Sean Timmons, Recreation Director
Jennifer Carney, Administrative Assistant
Not Present: Denis Curran
Guest: Dave Jones (Little League-American Farm League Director)

AGENDA ITEMS DISCUSSED:

1. **Approve Minutes:** Phil made a **MOTION** to approve the previous meeting notes from 12/9/14 and 12/17/14. Mary 2nd, Approved 4-0
2. **New Little League Schedule:** With the upcoming DPW field user meeting at the end of the month, Dave Jones-HWLL, wanted to go over some changes and requests discussed at their League meeting for the upcoming season so everyone may plan accordingly. Among the discussion topics were: changes to the schedule (extra 1-2 games per week), dugout possibility at Patton, Cheeseman and Black fields (improve ease of utilization/better looking and increase safety of players), improve fencing (loose), update on batting cages (block road with cones during use, close back gate on Union St and improve signage to encourage parking at Pingree tennis courts), Donovan Field (out of commission early last year- focus on weeding/fix mound), concern with Patton playground vicinity to field during practices/games with high flying baseballs (parents currently stand watch- possibly add portable netting/increase signage).
3. **Veterans' Memorial Pool Discussion:** The updated pool design was handed out which includes stairs and chair lift entry points. Reminder about upcoming meetings: 1/15 Wenham Town Hall CPC hearing to review the application, first public presentation with new design option on 1/22 at Hamilton COA, 6:30pm. Tom Scarlata from BH&A will handle presentation with Rec Board members. The handout with the projected pool revenue/expenses will also be discussed at the public presentation. Phil made a **MOTION** to formally accept the pool design as presented tonight in the handouts, Brad 2nd, Approved 5-0
4. **Blueberry Brae Farm Discussion:** Land known as Blueberry Brae Farm located off Blueberry Lane and Surrey Lane in Hamilton is available for purchase at the requested price of \$800,000. This property is adjacent to Donovan Field off Sagamore Street. An application was brought to the CPC to see if there was interest to purchase the land for Town or Rec use. Discussion ensued over the two handouts displaying the proposed property's elevation levels and land area to determine whether or not it is worth exploring or moving forward at this time. The Town is looking for feedback for possible open/passive recreation options. John made a **MOTION** based on the limited land use (heavily wooded/thick vegetation, hilly elevation), limited access routes (cut through neighborhood on Blueberry Lane/Surrey Lane), and other commitments (turf and pool projects) we have nominal interest. Brad 2nd- Amendment requested to add alternate ending. Phil made an **amendment to the end of the MOTION**; we have little to no interest in pursuing this land at the current price of \$800,000. John 2nd, Approved 5-0
5. **New Business:** The Community House is looking to combine efforts with HW Rec to run two major events each year. The first event would be a combination of the Two Town celebration and picnic. The second event would be to create a fall festival (add to PumpkinFest event) or look at creating a winter festival.
6. **Adjournment-** Phil **MOTION** to adjourn at 7:45pm, John 2nd- Approved 5-0

NEXT MEETING: TBD