

**New Hartford Recreation**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, June 3, 2015**

**Call to Order:** 7:05pm

**Members Present:** Sally O'Neill, Bob Martin, Joe Petrarca, Ed Smith, Steve Tuxbury

**Members Absent:** Don Govotski, Tim Calder

**Others Present:** Recreation Director Christy Tellier, Recording Secretary Mary Baker, Dan Hamel

**Approval of Minutes:** Ed Smith made a motion, and Bob Martin 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the minutes from April 1, 2015 meeting, Motion passed.

**Opportunity For Public Comment:** Dan Hamel asked if rental lights could be put up at Brown's Corner for one night game for the 12 year olds to have one last baseball game before the end of the season. Sally explained that all parks are open from dawn to dusk, there are certain hazards because the lights are not stationary. The town had checked with the insurance company regarding the request, and due to the liability the request to use temporary lights at Browns would not be able to be approved. There was some further discussion of the future potential of permanent lighting structures being installed at the park. It was determined it was not an impossible request, but park rules, zoning, neighbors, etc. would all need to be taken into consideration before embarking on such an endeavor.

**Review of Activities:** Christy Tellier updated the Commission on recent activities in the Rec Department. Dance Classes just ended, staffing for summer camp and the water front have been hired. Beach opened for Memorial Day weekend. Camp registrations have been coming in, but numbers still relatively low because the brochure was mailed late. Not as many counselors were hired this year as in past years. Beach sticker sales seem to be up so far this year.

**Financial Review:** Bob asked how many canoe racks were left for rent - there was about 1 or 2 left on the far racks by the moorings. Christy said that last weekend beach stickers are not on the summary sheet provided. Steve asked if we have to pay fee for bounced checks we don't get the money from the person until they give cash or a new check. Christy said Account Register should total with the income statement.

**Procedures and Policies:** Christy would like to put beach rules on the back of Life Guard Chairs. Ed and Steve said if they are the same rules that would be ok.

**5 Year Plan:** Dan Jerram came in to talk about the 2016 West Hill Lake Draw Down. He advised we need to get a base map of the area and we need to make a list of what we want repaired. There was discussion about what needs to be repaired – the boat launch, removal of the concrete pier, if pouring cement is ok in October, etc. It was determined we would contact the surveyor to see what maps they have on file.

Dan said the survey for Callahan Park is almost done. There is a picnic table that needs to be moved slightly as it is encroaching on privately owned property. There was discussion of the rights of using the park – the Fire District owns property and they lease it to us. The Town can make changes, but as a courtesy we should let Fire District know the scope of the work that we would like to do. Further discussion will be needed to talk about what the Commission would like to do at the park.

**Any Other Business:**

Don Govotski is resigning from the Recreation Commission. We will be looking for volunteers to fill the open seat.

Joe stated that Mike Maloney had asked about football practicing at the Antolini field due to the upcoming construction at the school. There was no finalized timeline of the construction, but there did not seem to be any issue with practices starting in August. There may be a need to temporarily restrict the amount of space being used due to construction equipment, but it was anticipated to be workable.

Ed Smith made a motion to adjourn at 8:19pm seconded by Bob Martin. All in favor, motion passes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Baker  
Recording Secretary