

TOWN OF POMFRET
RECREATION PARK SITE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MARCH 16, 2006 MEETING
POMFRET TOWN CONFERENCE ROOM

Members present were: Walter McGinn, Chairman, William Corey, Secretary, Mike Raymond, Bev Champany, Barbara Gagnon, Larry Gregoire, Earl Semmelrock, Vice Chairman, Dan Navarro, and Jim Rivers, First Selectman. Members Absent: Glenn Postemski and Barry Jessurun.

- I. **Call to order at 7:00 pm.** Walter McGinn, Chairman, opened the meeting at 7:05.
- II. **Items to be added to the agenda:** Road Repair work, Baseball field repair work, abutter's subcommittee.
- III. **Approve minutes of the Meeting of January 26, 2006.** Earl Semmelrock made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Bill Corey seconded. Unanimously approved.
- IV. **Citizen Participation – None**
- V. **Current Business**
 - a. Organizational/Administrative Issues. Walter McGinn, Chairman, stated that we will use, in an informal manner, Robert's Rules. This means that we will seek motions to approve, deny, or table a matter. We will look for a second. Have discussion. Vote. The Chairman will abstain and vote to break a tie. There was a discussion about budget dollars and how to use them. Walter asked if the committee will be working on a Master plan for the park and then go away. Jim Rivers stated that it is premature to disband after a few weeks. There are issues which are on-going, such as, maintenance, park repairs, park authority, etc. Walter stated that we need someone in charge of maintenance. There was discussion about Glen Postemski, Barbara Gagnon and Larry Gregoire are doing the maintenance. Discussion was around who would be in charge of overseeing the maintenance. The Town can do some of the work. We are using the baseball field and soccer field but both need repairs.
 - b. Mission statement, objectives. These were handouts and the committee will approve/change these statements and approve at the next meeting.
 - c. Well. Earl Semmelrock stated the well is drilled and we were successful with 12-15 gallons per minute. There was concern from a neighbor who got water in their basement and silt in their well. Earl

worked with them and reminded them that 3” of rain fell overnight. Earl tested the water and all is well. There was discussion about the pump and electrical needs. Earl stated that an Eagle Scout project will raise fund for this with a hook up inside and to serve the pavilion. There was discussion that we probably will have enough water to irrigate the soccer field.

- d. Septic System – Mike Raymond did some research on the septic system. He had several concerns from the perc test results to the location of the system. There was a technical discussion about the system and the need to design it a little “bigger and better” to prevent a breakout towards the soccer field and the potential for problems with the walkway which will be over the septic system. Bigger galleys, box and a curtain drain will be needed. Clerk to call Arthur Parent to see if he is still interested in the project. Mike to speak with Lynette about concerns.
- e. Soccer Field:
 1. Irrigation System – there is an irrigation system under the field but it is not finished or in working condition. Larry stated that he knows the system is there and where it is under the ground.
 2. Repair: The crowning is a problem; no grass is also a problem, as well as the irrigation system under the ground. We received an estimate of \$27,000.00 to repair the system. We need to work on removing the crown and decide what to do about irrigation and replanting in the fall.
 3. There was also discussion about fixing the driveway where water is running over it and the silt fence needs to come out.
 4. The baseball field needs repairs such as, drainage along 1st baseline, grass planting, more aggregate, and drainage on 3rd base. Larry presented a Quote from Quinebaug Lawn for repairing the grass, grub control and fertilizing. Dan Navarro looked over the estimate and said that the quote was what is needed to get the field back to lawn. He recommended lime be used also. Larry Gregoire made the motion to accept the Quinebaug Lawn estimate of \$2125.00 and ask them to do the job. Bill Corey seconded. Unanimously approved. Baseball dugouts were brought up. Bruce Dexter did volunteer to put them in but we have not been able to reach him or get a call back. Dan will call Bruce.
 5. Abutter’s Subcommittee – Walter stated that he would like a system to contact abutters so there would be no surprises and head off problems. Clerk to get abutter information for the committee.

VI. New Business – There was discussion about budgets, repair costs and maintenance funds. We will request monthly statements from the treasurer for information and budgeting.

VII. Communication and Mail – None.

VIII. Citizen Participation – None.

IX. Adjournment – Earl Semmelrock made the motion to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. Mike Raymond seconded. Approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Morin
Clerk