

**Parks & Recreation Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**April 25, 2011**  
**7:00pm**

**Roll Call:**

**Present:** Daniel Russell, Peter Sawyer, Arnold Palmer, Maegan Frantz, Lynnette Ziskin, Tricia Letendre, Ben Baskin

**Town Officers Attending:** Tim Szczepaniak.

Meeting called to order 7:11pm

**Review & Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

1. 4.13.11: Committee suggested changes. Russell motioned to accept minutes with stated changes, Shipp, second.
2. 4.20.11: Committee suggested changes. Sawyer motioned to accept minutes with stated changes, Shipp second.

**New Business:**

1. Read email letter from Tom & Ruth Schottman re: purchase of park property sent to Town Hall.\*
2. Acknowledgment of letter from Scott Miller regarding the Lang parcel benefits to Town. Will revisit this letter.
3. Russell reviewed power point presentation that will be given at Town Council meeting on Tues. May 26, 2011 \*
  - A. Presentation will quickly review information included in beginning, while devoting more time on the budget information.
    - i. Baskin suggests that one of the presentation's conclusions should focus on "the park will cost you 'x' number of dollars per household".
    - ii. Shipp distributed a draft of report of the estimated annual taxes required to support two parks given the total town valuation.\*
      - a. Illustrates the cost for the individual property based on its assessment.
      - b. Tool to assist public in making up their mind
      - c. Committee would like the information included in presentation but as two separate columns:
        - i. Numbers with Jenkins included into maintenance costs (1 Park District)
        - ii. Numbers with Jenkins park separated (2 Park District).
        - iii. Ziskin to provide Shipp with assessed valuation for Jenkins Park District.
    - iii. Baskin requests that the Lang parcel and the Clark parcel be specifically stated as being the top two choices.
    - iv. P. Wendell from floor would like committee to look at the costs of haying.
      - a. Letendre to find out legal restrictions to have "contract" haying done on parcel(s).
    - v. Baskin submitted information from the Town of Milton regarding their park expenditures.\*
      - a. Palmer suggests the numbers he was given and those stated in Baskin's information differ greatly.
      - b. Palmer will not support the information pertaining to the Town of Milton's expenditures being included in the Town Council presentation.
        - i. Baskin will again contact F. Thompson, Milton Supervisor, to review and confirm the figures.

- ii. **Palmer stated he will visit the Town of Milton and get figures as well.**
- iii. **Sawyer makes motion to utilize the verified information received by Baskin and include it in the presentation for the Town Council. Shipp second. Ayes; Baskin, Russell, Frantz, Letendre. Naves; Palmer**

**4. Sawyer questioned Szczepaniak as to whether additional information should be included in the presentation. Szczepaniak stated the material in the presentation looked good.**

**Adjournment: Shipp motioned to adjourn meeting, Ziskin second. Ayes, All. Naves, 0. Meeting adjourned 9:08pm.**

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 18,, 2011, 7:30pm, Ballston Town Hall**

**\*Copies are with minute records.**