

DRAFT MINUTES/APPROVED

To: Parks & Recreation Commission Members  
From: Eileen Pettit, Assistant Director of Recreation  
Re: Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting March 21, 2011

Meeting was called to order by Chair, Mary Lou Stamp at 5:29p.m.

I. Attendance:

*Commissioners Present:* Joe Capucci, Al Centone Suzanne Lewis, Frank Montagna,  
Michael Pomichter, Susan Puzycki, Mary Lou Stamp

*Commissioners Absent:*

*Staff Present :* Eileen Pettit, Assistant Director of Recreation  
Lynn Sadosky, Director of Public Works  
Victor Palma, Director of Field Operations  
Carla Pelliccio, Secretary

II. Acceptance of Minutes:

Frank Montagna made a motion to accept the November 15, 2010 minutes, seconded by Suzanne Lewis.

III. Correspondence:

Ms. Sadosky received a letter dated March 2, 2011 from Jose L. Torres, pastor of Word of Faith Christian Center, requesting use of the Town Green, Showmobile (and electricity) for a community benefit summer concert proposed to take place on September 10, 2011 (rain date September 17, 2011).

Ms. Sadosky received an email dated March 8, 2011 from Tammy Wilson, Playground Committee Chair from Montowese Elementary School PTA, seeking approval to set up a bake sale table at 2 summer concerts (the Billy Joel Tribute Band and Elton John Tribute band) in order to raise money towards a new playground at Montowese School.

Ms. Sadosky received a letter dated March 21, 2011 from Dominic Colavito, from the Jimmy V Foundation, requesting the use of Grover Wyman Field and Gateway softball field for the annual "Never Give Up Softball Tournament" for Friday August 5, 2011 from 5-11pm, Saturday August 6, 2011 from 7am-11pm and Sunday, August 7, 2011 from 7am to 11pm. (Rain dates: 8/12-8/14). They also requesting that any fees associated with the uses of the field be waived by the Town.

These three items of correspondence are addressed under New Business.

IV. Director's Report/ Old Business:

*Eileen Pettit, Assistant Director of Recreation*

Registration for Spring recreation and pool programs continues. Programs are beginning this week.

Open basketball for women 18 and older continues on Tuesday evenings at the Recreation Center gymnasium through April 2011, from 7:00-9:00p.m.

Open basketball for men 18 and older continues on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at Ridge Road through April 2011, from 6:30-9:30p.m.

The Annual Easter Extravaganza will take place on Saturday, April 16, 2011 at the Recreation Center from 10:30a.m.-12:00p.m. The indoor event will include pictures with the Easter Bunny, face painting, top hat and bonnet contest, entertainment and refreshments provided by McDonald's. At the conclusion of the event, each child will receive a bag of chocolate eggs.

The 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Fishing Derby is scheduled for Saturday, April 30, 2011 at Sinoway Pond on Upper State Street. Once again, over 300 children are expected to be registered for this event.

Ms. Pettit confirmed that Opening Day for Max Sinoway Baseball will be Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, which will pose no scheduling conflicts with the Easter Extravaganza or Fishing Derby. Ms. Pettit wanted to thank Max Sinoway for their flexibility in scheduling.

The Summer 2011 brochure is completed and back from the printer. The brochures will be distributed to all the elementary schools in the next few weeks. Registration for Summer begins on May 2, 2011. These brochures were distributed to the commissioners.

The summer employment program continues. Applications were accepted from January 2<sup>nd</sup> through March 18<sup>th</sup>. All the new applicants will be interviewed and the vacant spots will be filled. These positions are for playground counselors.

Roxanne Mongillo who runs Dance Productions and teaches dance classes for Recreation is hosting her annual recital at Fantasia on June 12<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 4:00p.m. Each year her students raise money and donate to different organizations. This year, her students want to donate to Special Olympics and earmark the money for North Haven athletes. On behalf of over 50 North Haven athletes, Ms. Pettit thanked Roxie and her students for their generosity. Not only will Roxie's students be performing, but some of the athletes will also be dancing. Two of the Global Messengers will be speaking. It is expected to be a wonderful night.

Planning for Music Under the Stars 2011 continues. The series will begin on Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> and conclude on Tuesday, August 23, 2011. Once again, a great lineup has been assembled, including 2 additional concerts. Concerts take place on Tuesday evenings.

Planning continues for the summer camp programs. Camps will begin on Tuesday July 5<sup>th</sup> and finish on Friday August 12<sup>th</sup>. Once again, the program will run for six weeks this summer.

*Lynn K. Sadosky, Director of Public Works*

Meetings have been held with the Office of the First Selectman and Board members of the Max Sinoway Baseball Club in an effort to address field needs and site matters (concession stand, bathrooms, irrigation, etc.) prior to scheduling this Spring.

Public Works commenced with the scheduling and field preparations for North Haven Lacrosse on the Aces, Vanacore, Recreation fields. Fields are needed from April 1 through June 28, 2011. A special arrangement has been entered into between the Lacrosse Club and the North Haven Fairgrounds again this year.

Public Works commenced with the scheduling and field preparations for North Haven Soccer Club on the Memorial, Rock Road and Ridge Road fields. Fields are needed from April 1 through June 26, 2011.

Public Works commenced with the scheduling and field preparations for the Recreation Special Olympics for Green Acres field from June 15 through September 7, 2011.

Public Works commenced with the scheduling and field preparations for Recreation Softball at the Gateway Complex and Grover Wyman fields. Fields are needed from April 18 through September 15, 2011.

Public Works commenced with the scheduling and field preparation for North Haven Girls' Softball Sundown League for Gateway Fields 2 – 7. Fields are needed from May 1 – July 31.

Public Works commenced with the scheduling and field preparations for Max Sinoway Baseball at Montowese, Gateway, Green Acres, and Clintonville School, Brook Field, and Bailey Road fields. Various fields (not all) are needed between March 1 through July 30, 2011.

Public Works commenced scheduling for the Greater North Haven Baseball League on Bailey Road field from April 5 through May 22, 2011.

Public Works commenced with the scheduling for American Legion, Junior and Senior Leagues at the North Haven Sports Complex fields. Fields are needed from June 9 through July 17, 2011.

Public Works commenced scheduling for North Haven Track (Runners) (BOE) for Vanacore Field – Track from March 21 through June 18, 2011.

Public Works commenced scheduling for North Haven Boys and Girls Lacrosse (BOE) at the North Haven Sports Complex from March 21 through June 11, 2011.

Public Works commenced scheduling for North Haven Freshman Baseball (BOE) at Bailey Road field from March 21 through May 27, 2011.

Public Works commenced scheduling for North Haven Junior Varsity Baseball and Softball (BOE) for Brook Field from March 21 through June 15, 2011.

Public Works commenced with scheduling for North Haven Varsity Baseball and Softball (BOE) for the Robert DeMayo Field from March 21 through June 15.

Public Works commenced scheduling for North Haven Boys and Girls Tennis (BOE) at the North Haven Sports Complex from March 21 through June 4.

Public Works will support efforts for the annual Easter Extravaganza scheduled for April 16, 2011 in the Recreation Center.

The Annual Fishing Derby has been scheduled for April 30, 2011 at Sinoway Pond on Upper State Street.

The Annual May Market has been scheduled for the North Haven Garden Club on the Town Green for May 7, 2011.

The Connecticut Tree Protective Association has received preliminary approval for the International Tree Climbing event to be held on the Town Green on Saturday, May 14, 2011.

The Annual Memorial Day Parade has been confirmed for Saturday, May 28, 2011 along the Town Center/Town Green.

The North Haven High School Summer Concert has been confirmed for Tuesday, June 14, 2011 on the Town Green.

The Annual Summer Concert Series (9 concerts this year) is scheduled to start Tuesday, June 28 and continue each Tuesday evening through August 23, 2011.

Discussions continue regarding the placement of a Dog Park in the Town of North Haven and the possibility of using Blakeslee Park. Mrs. Sadosky indicated that she has not heard anything further over the winter months.

USAELITE Softball is working closely with the Town in regard to a college recruiting softball event for July 14<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011. This event will draw approximately 3,000 members of the public into North Haven for the 4-day event.

Discussions are ongoing regarding status of the Temple Pine's Park Skate Park and the whether to remove or relocate the skate park due to complaints, vandalism, etc.

## V. New Business

*Annual Summer Concert Series:* This year the series includes 9 concerts instead of 7. Mary Lou Stamp indicated that the current vendor's policy indicates the language of "7 concerts." Since there are now 9 concerts, Mrs. Stamp recommended changing the language of the vendor policy to read "all concerts" instead of a specific number. Joe Capucci made a motion to change the policy language to read "all concerts" in the vendor policy, seconded by Susan Puzycki. All were in favor.

Additionally, Mrs. Stamp opened up the discussion as to whether the food vendor fee of \$200 for the series should remain as is or be increased. She recommended that the current fee should remain the same. Frank Montagna made a motion to keep the current fee of \$200, seconded by Joe Capucci. All were in favor.

*Open Space Advisory Committee:* Mrs. Stamp provided an update regarding this committee. In January, First Selectman Freda asked Mary Lou Stamp if she would sit on this committee for the year, which she has agreed to do. This committee meets quarterly.

*Request for use of Memorial Field for Annual Sons and Daughters of Italy Soccer Tournament:* This event will take place August 25<sup>th</sup> through 27<sup>th</sup> 2011. This group also requested that any fees associated with the uses of the field be waived. Al Centone made a motion to allow use of the field as well as to waive any associated fees, seconded by Suzanne Lewis. All were in favor.

*Max Sinoway Baseball Subsidy Request:* Max Sinoway submitted their application requesting funding in the amount of \$4,000 for this season. Michael Pomichter made a motion to grant Max Sinoway's request in the amount of \$4,000, seconded by Joe Capucci. All were in favor.

*Word of Faith Christian Center Request:* The Word of Faith Christian Center church requested use of the Town Green and Showmobile for September 10, 2011 (rain date September 17, 2011) and would like

to “rent” electricity from Town. Michael Pomichter stated that while he served on the Parks and Recreation Commission several years ago, he recalls a policy being put into place regarding limitations of use of the Showmobile. While Victor Palma and Lynn Sadosky were not aware of any current policy in place, Mr. Palma will look into this matter. In the meantime, discussion for this request will be tabled until the May 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

*Bake Sale Request from Montowese PTA:* Montowese PTA has asked for permission to set up a bake sale table at the Billy Joel Tribute Band and Elton John Tribute Band concerts to raise monies for a playground. Susan Puzycki made a motion to grant permission for this non-profit to be present at these two concerts, seconded by Al Centone. All were in favor.

*Rotary Club Request for use of the Town Green:* North Haven Rotary Club has requested the use of the Town Green for an event taking place on Saturday, June 4, 2011, rain date June 5, 2011. Additionally they requested that any fees associated with the execution of this event be waived. Mrs. Viele stated to the commission that First Selectman Freda had indicated to her that he would permit these fees to be waived. Lynn Sadosky will get this statement in writing from Mr. Freda. In the meantime, Joe Capucci made a motion to grant permission to allow use of the Town Green for this event, as well as waive any fees associated with the execution of this event, seconded by Al Centone. All were in favor. *See Public Participation.*

*Request for use of Grover Wyman Field and Gateway softball field for the annual Never Give Up Softball tournament:* Scheduled for Friday August 5, 2011 from 5-11pm, Saturday August 6, 2011 from 7am-11pm and Sunday, August 7, 2011 from 7am to 11pm. (Rain dates: 8/12-8/14). They also requesting that any fees associated with the uses of the field be waived. Suzanne Lewis made a motion to allow use of the field as well as waive any associated fees, seconded by Frank Montagna. All were in favor.

*Greater New Haven Baseball Team:* Al Centone raised a question regarding this traveling team, and whether North Haven residents are on the roster. In light of previous discussions regarding the limitations on the use of fields, Mr. Pomichter suggested that the Town consider a residency rule as far as use of fields.

## VI. Public Participation.

North Haven Rotary representatives Rick DiNorscia and Theresa Viele attended to present their request for use of the Town Green for a community based event they plan on hosting on the green on June 4, 2011 (rain date: 6/5/11). Discussions of presenting an original play entitled, “A Day In North Haven” are currently taking place. In addition to the use of the Green, they would need access to the Showmobile, electricity, port-o-lets, as well as a Police presence. *See New Business.*

## VII. Adjournment:

Mary Lou Stamp asked for a Motion to Adjourn. Motion made by Joe Capucci, seconded by Al Centone. The meeting was adjourned at 6:18pm.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 5:30pm.