

**Town of Wilmington  
Recreation Commission  
Minutes of March 3, 2016 Meeting**

**Members Present:** Charlie Biondo, Sheila Burke, Mark Kennedy, Laurie Robarge and Deborah Cipriani, Director

**Member Absent:** Mike Burns

**Guests Present:** Animal Control Officer Chris Sullivan, Fred Hogan and Cathy Boylen

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m.

The February 4, 2016 meeting minutes were read and unanimously accepted on a motion by Charlie Biondo and seconded by Sheila Burke.

A motion was made and agreed upon by all members to modify the order of the Agenda to accommodate guests present.

**Director Cipriani's Report:**

Debbie presented a new revised plan for the Dog Park. The distinction of the two separate areas was clarified with one side being "All Dogs" and the other being for "Small Dogs". All owners must remain with their dog, so if they have a large and small dog, they will have to go into the "All Dogs" section. Debbie led the discussion, with input and support from Animal Control Officer Chris Sullivan, as to suggested regulations regarding the Dog Park.

It was decided that it should be "Carry-In Carry-Out" system for disposal of trash/waste.

Suggested Rules and Regulations sent from Kevin Perkins, Loss Control Insurance Representative, were discussed line by line. Heated debates were had by some passionate dog owners. Some regulations were kept intact, as is, others were modified and additional regulations were added. Debbie will compile a rough draft of all proposed Dog Park Rules and Regulations.

Chris Sullivan will speak with a couple veterinarians regarding heights of large dogs vs. small dogs. The dogs shoulder height will determine the size of the dogs acceptable in the small dog section.

Fines will be discussed later along with continued discussion at the next meeting regarding the Dog Park Rules and Regulations.

Debbie and Karen Campbell will be attending the Annual MRPA Conference on March 22 – 23 in Brewster, MA.

The Yentile Farm bid has been awarded to Green Acres for the construction of the project.

Debbie met with the Finance Committee on February 11 to discuss the FY2017 Recreation Budget. The meeting went well with several new committee members in attendance.

**New Business:**

The February edition of "Recreation Matters" was released on February 29.

Debbie attended the Summer Activities Fair held at the Library on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Many companies were on hand to promote their offerings.

The Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, March 26 at 2 p.m. sharp. Over 7,200 plastic eggs were filled with treats by 25 wonderful seniors.

**Discussions:**

Debbie has asked George Hooper to look into the cost of installing air-conditioners in the classrooms that are used at the Shawsheen School for the Playground Program.

The Recreation Department will be covering expenses being made to Aprile Field.

The Iceland trip is full with quite a significant waiting list.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Charlie Biondo at 6:21 p.m. Motion was seconded by Sheila Burke.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 7, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

Submitted by,

Laurie Robarge  
Commissioner