

**Town Of Weymouth
Recreation Commission Meeting
Teen Center 1393 Pleasant Street / East Weymouth, MA. 02189
05 September 2012
Meeting Minutes**

The Recreation Commission met on Wednesday 05 September 2012 at the Teen Center Conference Room. The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM.

Members Present: Colleen Kelley, Steve Reilly, Karen Johnston, Mike Doyle

Members Not Present: Art Del Rosso, Janelle Quinn

1. Colleen Kelley made a motion to accept the meeting minutes for 06 June 2012, 20 June 2012 and 11 July 2012. The minutes were unanimously approved by Steve Reilly, Karen Johnston and Colleen Kelley.
2. With the legislative change in the CP law, we will have to discuss how funds should be appropriated and the type of projects we would like to see funded. Karen Johnston will check into how other Town's spend their park funds.
3. Mission statement: we will vote on the Mission statement when we have a full board.
4. Maintenance of Parks – Steve Reilly noted he suggested to Mayor Kay and Jim Clarke to meet with Quincy Park Department and find out how they make it work. They have a staff of 22 dedicated to parks, beaches and open space. The parks are very well maintained. Steve also mentioned a 3% hotel tax helps fund the Park Department.
5. Comments on Open Space and Rec Plan – The presentation by Jim Clarke and Maryellen Schloss was very well done. The Plan is jam packed with a great deal of information beneficial to the Town. There are also a number of goals listed and group responsible for carrying out those goals. The Rec Com will take on and/or work with Mike Doyle and the Rec Department on all Recreation related goals. The plan is for the Planning Department to add the comments from the public meeting on 07 August 2012 and make a few corrections and submit the Plan to the State by the end of September. The State will most likely come back with comments and/or questions, which the Town will address. The hope is for the Plan to be approved by the end of 2012.
6. Legion Field – a public meeting for the conceptual plan was held on 16 August 2012. The plan was very well received and it diffused a lot of anger about the current condition of Legion Field. Matt Soule, the gentleman working on the plan, incorporated the comments from the presentation to the Rec Com, East Weymouth Neighborhood Association and the Mayor on 08 May 2012. The plan is headed in the right direction and seems to have something for everybody.
7. We need to come with an outline of the work the Rec Com will do and help get the parks back on track. It has to include maintenance and funding. Included will be assist the Town in contacting Quincy Park Department for a discussion, parks and the work they will need, where we will find funding and a suggestion or two for funding mechanisms.

8. We will use the book Mike Doyle put together for all the parks in Town and add to that as we go along. We will add more detail to the park such as the condition of the park including playing fields and playground equipment, a description of upgrades and when that work was done and when anything is replaced.

9. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 03 October 2012 at 7:00 PM at the Teen Center.