

# New Boston Recreation Commission

**Subject:** Commissioners' Meeting  
**Date:** February 22, 2012  
**Location:** Old Engine House

**Attendees:**

*Commissioners:* Lee Brown, Kim Borges, Ken Hamel, David Hulick, Jen Martin\*

*Staff:* Mike Sindoni, Mary Manna

*Guests:* Jeff Pierce & Ken Clinton

\* = *excused*

1. Depot Pond Discussion (Pierce & Clinton). Troop 123 wants to refurbish the pond near the depot so that it can support trout and be used for skating in the winter. It is about ¼ acre in size. The state would stock it with fish. The plan would be to clear the banks and restore water flow from the river. The pond has been dredged in the past (more than 5 years ago). It is considered abandoned by the state, but its history might be relevant. Lee spoke with Jean Lowell (Playground Association). The pond is part of the rental property. Parking is a potential issue.  
Next steps:
  - a. Rec: Look at site plan. Consider access and parking.
  - b. Rec & Troop 123: Meet to create a plan.
  - c. Rec: Meet with Playground Assoc to review the plan.
2. Financial report.
  - a. No surprises so far this year. The revolving fund has a positive balance.
  - b. New Boston baseball/softball fees are comparable to what is charged in other towns.
3. Grant Writing proposal by Erica Defilippo. Lee met with her. Has written grants professionally. She submitted 3 examples of potential grants. We could offer a combination of fixed fee plus a commission percentage. David commented that the first grant will take the most effort because she has to learn about the Recreation Department. Lee will follow up with her to find out what she expects.
  - a. Grants for Arts could support summer concerts. Due in April. Up to \$4,500. Good fit to Rec.
  - b. Youth Arts could support summer art camp program. Due in April. Engages local artists and mentors. Up to \$4,500. Good fit to Rec.
  - c. Women's Grant could run in conjunction with library seminars. Available for women's topics. This one does not fit Rec as well as the other two.
4. Safety Committee. Mary reported that the committee met last week. The alarms need to be checked annually (March). The panic alarm might need to be updated and added to the White Buildings. Rec should create emergency evacuation plans and run fire drills (including the White Buildings). The White Building should use the daily check-in / check-out list for positive accounting of all kids. AED training was discussed. Rec has one portable unit for adults. This is used for some exercise classes and for senior trips. Can we add one for the White Buildings? Can we have one for youths? Talk with Russ or Dan to see what makes the most sense. Buy one soon.
5. White Building.
  - a. Meeting with Jude. What does the school want to do? They want to avoid using the buildings and the school numbers are not forcing them to do so at this point. If they need four 1<sup>st</sup> grades, then they will renovate and use the west building.
  - b. Facility repairs. Safety and environmental issues. Weatherizing would reduce energy consumption.
6. 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration in 2013. There was a meeting 2 weeks ago. The idea is to have a year-long celebration starting on Feb26 with the main event on Jul4. Event sponsorship ideas are due at the next meeting (timing TBD). They want input from Scott Gross from Goffstown since they had a celebration last year.

7. Program Updates.
  - a. Good basketball season. Ken will have some suggestions for improvements.
  - b. Baseball / softball clinics. Coaches want to run some clinics as a paid program. Run it in the gym (before the season). Getting gym time is difficult. They need to make a proposal of how many weeks and how many hours for gym scheduling purposes.
  - c. Field hockey summer camp.
8. Other business.
  - a. Donations in Ella Daniels' memory are coming in. They will be ear-marked for the softball / grandstand facility.
  - b. Ken proposes starting Friends of Recreation again as a fund-raising activity. The tax-exempt 503-C status would make fund-raising easier. We could undertake some new activities. Lee wants to identify the task first. We need 4 names to set it up. Ken could use help with the Molly Stark golf tournament.
9. The next meeting will be on March 22 at 7:30pm in the Old Engine House.

***David Hulick, Secretary***