

# New Boston Recreation Commission

**Subject:** Commissioners' Meeting  
**Date:** April 18, 2011  
**Location:** White Buildings

**Attendees:**

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

*Staff:* Mike Sindoni, Mary Manna

*Guests:* Tom Ostrander

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1. Tour of the Old Engine House. New windows are in. Wiring and painting are complete. Flooring is going in tomorrow. The bathroom and emergency exit need to be completed. Furniture comes next week.
2. Financial results from January through March were presented showing program detail. Lee wants to break out the labor charges for town maintenance projects.
3. Flag football discussion with Tom Ostrander. Tom is proposing a flag football program for the town. They have researched different leagues. They have established interest from friends and acquaintances in New Boston. The target age group is 6-11, divided into 2 age groups. Run the season from mid-September to the end of October. Eight kids to a team. Try to schedule the activity so that it does not conflict with fall sports. Using the field behind the school would be considered. Start-up costs are low. Fees are estimated at \$50. Expenses would include field maintenance, portable toilet, insurance, coach background checks, equipment, etc. If it is popular, it could be expanded to include older kids. The idea would be to advertise and run registrations in the spring. Notices have been in the last two Bulletins. Tom is getting quotes on shirts, preferably something reversible and possibly similar to the basketball jerseys. Tom was asked to present full project details to the board. Put an article in the next *New Boston Bulletin*. Put something into the Goffstown Paper and the Recreation News section of the school bulletin. Make posters and distribute emails and flyers as well. *A motion was made and approved to support this program.*
4. The minutes of the March 10, 2011 meeting were approved.
5. Old Coach Road field home run fence proposal. The purpose is to keep the two fields separate and it clearly defines a home run. It would be 200ft long. It would not encumber the T-ball field. The cost for materials is about \$1,000. Donations of \$500 are expected to offset this. Using Home Run Derby money for this might be appropriate. Volunteers would install it. Mary explained how Appleby's will support fund raising breakfasts at a reasonable charge. *A motion was made and approved to match contributions for the Home Run Fence to fund the cost of materials.* Softball is talking about replacing the stone dust on the field. This is a significant item. There is about \$5,000 in the Home Run Derby account. There is probably enough in the account to do both.
6. In-town concession stand. Ken is funding a metal roof for the concession stand. Rec will put a plaque on the building noting the gift.
7. Tree plantings at the memorial on the outside of the walkway, shading the bleachers. Maple trees would provide good shade. Copy what was done at Gill Stadium, namely put up a fence with a plaque on it. This is follow up to the Hicks memorial vote from several months ago. Consider thinning out the pine trees.
8. Kim wants the commission to pick a date for the appreciation cook-out after baseball/softball season. Ken will support this again. The Duck Race is May 22 and the 5K is June 18. End of school is Thursday June 23. Plan on Friday, June 24 at 5:30pm. Have an open house for the Old Engine House at the same time.
9. Mary went to a workshop to learn more about St. Joe's community services for seniors. They offer a number of programs. The programs depend on state funding. Mary proposes that some of the proceeds from the Kiki's golf tournament, if it takes place, be directed to St. Joe's. The commissioners support this initiative.

10. The next meeting will be Thursday, May 12 at 7:00pm at the Old Engine House.
11. The commission voted to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters.

***David Hulick, Secretary***