



Thomaston Recreation Commission
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The special meeting of the Thomaston recreation Commission was held on Monday, November 17th. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Pam Deziel, at 7:05 P.M.

Roll Call

Members present were Chairperson, Pam Deziel, Gary Wilson, Brian Lafontaine, Don Gordon, Rick Markey, Jeff Madden. Also present was Marty Egan

New Business

A. Marty Egan gave the Commission members a copy of the Recreation Commission's Capital Improvements submissions from the 2008-2009 fiscal year. Marty explained to the Commission that none of last years projects received any funding from the Board of Finance. The Commission reviewed last year's submissions which included the following 5 projects:

1. Nystrom's pond weed control
2. Commercial Lawn Mower
3. Playground equipment
4. Nystrom's' basketball court
5. Sanford Avenue tennis court repair/construction

Marty asked the Commission to review and make recommendations for submission to the Capital Improvements Committee for the 2009-2010 fiscal year.

After discussion, Don Gordon made a motion to submit the same five requests with the same monetary values for the 2009-2010 fiscal year but requested that the priority for the "Sanford Avenue tennis court repair/construction" and the "Commercial lawn Mower" projects be upgraded from a "needed" status to an "urgent" status. Rick Markey seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion was accepted. Marty was asked by the Commission to prepare the form and submit them to the Capital Improvements Committee by their requested date of January 6th, 2009.

Marty told them he would provide those copies upon completion.

B. Marty Egan explained to the Commission that new State Statutes regarding municipalities with websites were now required to post agendas for special meetings, and minutes from all meetings on their website in the time constraints set forth by the statute. Marty explained that the Town had adopted a policy regarding this issue and that the Commission's responsibility was to forward their agendas and minutes to the Town Clerk's Office. The Town clerk would then post those items on the Town of Thomaston's website.

C. Marty Egan explained to the Commission that the Human Resources Director, Nancy Latour, had contacted him regarding the status of the employee that the Commission has that performs the maintenance functions of the Commission. She explained to Marty that that position needed to be revamped into multiple part time positions, one position with reduced hours, or a full time position with benefits as opposed to current situation which has allowed for 40 hours per week/ 9 months per year without benefits. She asked Marty to have the Commission review the situation and make the necessary changes before an employee in that position returns for April of 2009.

The Commission asked Marty to obtain a letter from Nancy Latour regarding the issues and to contact Paul Pronovost regarding the previously proposed split position between the Highway Department and the Recreation Department and report back with that information.

D. Marty Egan gave the Commission a copy of the updated list of "key holders" for Thomaston High School, Black Rock School, and the Thomaston Center School for the 2008-2009 basketball season. Marty reviewed the key policy with all Commission members regarding the process for signing out the keys at the Police Department, the opening procedures and the return of the leys to the Police Department. Marty told the Commission that he also provided the Police Department with the updated list that was completed on 11/14/2008.

E. Marty Egan gave the Commission a copy of the proposed 2009 meeting schedule. The Commission reviewed the schedule. Don Gordon made a motion to accept the meeting schedule for 2009 as written. Rick Markey seconded the motion. With all in favor, the schedule was accepted. Marty told the Commission he would send the approved schedule to the Town Clerk for posting.

Adjournment – A motion was made by Rick Markey and seconded by Jeff Madden to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. With all in favor, the meeting was adjourned.