

Burrillville

Recreation Commission

RE: Minutes, December 12, 2005

**Present: Cheri Hall, Director Dave Marcotte Al
Gerew-Alternate Kurt Schatz Al Musso Alice Lavigne Al
Low Juliette Lopez Nancy Binns-Town Council Liaison**

Guest: -----

Absent: -----

Excused: -----

Meeting called to order at 6:40 p.m. by Kurt Schatz, Chairman, at the Burrillville Town Hall.

**Minutes of November 14, 2005 Regular Meeting were accepted.
Motion to accept made by Alice Lavigne. Seconded by Juliette Lopez.
Motion passed 7-0.**

Good and Welfare:

The Director stated that NYSCA training will take place on Thursday.

January 12, 2006.

The advertisements to bid for the Spring Lake Beach Restaurant and Ice Cream vending or the Spring Lake Beach Arcade were advertised last week. The bid openings will take place at the Town Council Chambers on January 5, 2006 at 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. The advertisements were placed in The Woonsocket Call.

Correspondence:

A request was received by Chairman Kurt Schatz for updated information on the Recreation Commission members. The Director will respond.

Old Business: The Director reported:

Hauser Field

A letter was forwarded to the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management requesting an extension for the Hauser Field and Spring Lake Beach Campground project. The delay at Hauser Field is the finalization of the water connection until spring 2006. An additional \$4,000 is waiting to be expended on the Spring Lake Beach Campground project in the spring of 2006 to reach its completion.

BEC Bylaws

The revised Burrillville Extended Care Bylaws will be presented to the Town Council on Wednesday, December 14, 2005. If approved, Burrillville Extended Care will officially become a division of the Parks and Recreation Department on January 1, 2006.

Sign-Recreation Center

A new sign to replace the existing sign on Church Street has been approved by the Town Manager and will seek approval from the Town Council on Wednesday, December 14, 2005. Farrell Sign Company will be creating the new double sided sign.

Trails Grant

The Director is still awaiting an answer on the Trails Grant.

Christmas Program

It was a very cold day on Saturday, December 3, 2005 when the Santa on the Town Common festivities took place. Thank you was given to our resident Santa, Al Low and granddaughter Jessica as Santa's elf. Thank you letters will be sent out including one to Leonard Moore for loaning Santa a comfortable chair.

The Victorian Holiday Celebration took place on Saturday, November 26, 2005 went well. The Downtown Pascoag and Neighborhood Association have technically disbanded but both Bob Paquette and Roger Bourbonniere will be glad to assist with the events. The Director will contact them to review the information.

Santa Calling

The deadline for registration for the Santa Calling was extended to Monday, December 12, 2005 with approximately 120 children to be called. Recreation Commission member Al Musso volunteered to assist with calls if needed.

New Business:

Scout Recognition

A memo was submitted to the Town Council in recognition of Troup 102 Eagle Scouts who blazed the trail at White Mill Park and performed the cleanup at Spring Lake Beach Campground and Cub scouts Pack 1 Pascoag who continually volunteer their support.

DEM Grant Application

Currently a grant round is being offered through the Department of Environmental Management and Department of Planning and Development for recreational development large grants up to

\$300,000 for a \$600,000 project and small grants up to an \$80,000 project. The Director stated that the Town of Burrillville currently does not have a large project proposal but has proposal for a small grant to winterize the Spring Lake Beach Recreation Hall. The engineering plans have been completed but the design plans are still being completed. The costs factor of the Recreation Hall winterization has still not been completed either. A new well would have to be dug and fire codes may be different for a year round facility. Consequently, the grant request may not be submitted during the current grant round due to time restraints.

The rehabilitation of the Branch River Park track is needed and will be presented to the Town Council during the first meeting of January 2006 for the approval of the matching funds for an application submission to the Department of Environmental Management for a small grant.

2006 Recreation Commission Meeting calendars were distributed to the commission.

Budgets (2006/2007)

Figure Skating submitted their estimated numbers for next year and roster. Burrillville Youth Basketball submitted expense information but has been asked to submit more of the information originally requested. Al Gerew reported that Burrillville Junior Hockey

enrollment has been down by 8% due to rising costs. Resident registrations and town registrations were down by 22 members overall. More information will reviewed in January 2006.

CIP requests were recently submitted. Last year there was \$30,000 allocated for the Spring Lake Recreation Hall and will be partially utilized for the engineering plans needed for the future winterization of the hall. Funding for the Recreation Center office expansion is still being requested.

The current line item balances to date were reviewed demonstrating the department's future funding needs for the operating budget. Public Utilities, Heat Oil and Ground Supplies will be requested for increases.

Meeting Adjourned: Motion made by David Marcotte. Seconded by Juliette Lopez.

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m. Motion Passed 7-0.

Next Meeting: Monday, January 9, 2006 6:30p.m., Town Council Chambers.

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