

**Town of Woodbury**  
**PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION**  
Woodbury, CT 06798-0369

**Parks and Recreation Commission**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, June 5, 2018**

**Present:**

Chairman Kippy West, Vice Chairman Leslie Gamsjager, Commissioners Kathy Nichols, Kelly Packett, Sean Moran, Mimi Delessio-Matta, Tim Drakeley and Director Jennifer Miller.

**Absent:**

None

**1) Call to Order:**

Chairman West called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

**2) Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes – May 1, 2018**

**MOTION:**

To approve the minutes of the May 1, 2018 meeting of the Town of Woodbury Parks and Recreation Commission as written. The motion was made by Commissioner Moran and seconded by Commissioner Nichols. **Unanimously Approved**

**3) Privilege of the Floor:**

None at this time.

**4) Old Business:**

**1) Playground installation:**

The new Playground opening on May 19<sup>th</sup> went well and even though it rained there were lots of children present. Many people are coming from other towns to see the newly installed Playground.

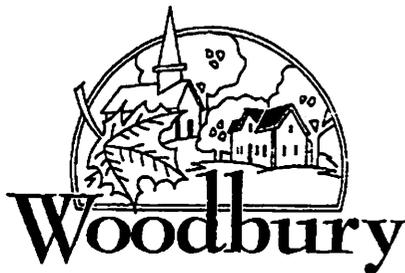
Due to the fact the equipment is different from the usual play equipment some people complained that there were cracks in the equipment but that is not true. The equipment was installed by a professional and is in perfect condition. There will be several signs installed in the area of the Playground to insure everyone is aware of the safety rules.

The new GAGa Pit, that will be installed, is going to be the same color combinations as the Playground equipment. Also, a Hop Scotch area will be installed in the area when time permits.

Someone sprayed the Hollow Park sign and tried to saw it down. There is a \$100.00 reward for information as to the identity of the person or persons responsible.

**2) Trolley Bed Preserve Trail Maintenance:**

- a) Update on NEMBA to be discussed later in the meeting.
- b) The Main Trail should be ready by August.
- c) A successful Connecticut Trails Day was held with over thirty people there.



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**3) North Green Parking Plan Proposal:**

The Commission will go back to the Board of Selectmen to formally turn down Finance Chairman Alex DeSorbo's proposal for the North Green.

The Commission would like to finish up the parking area and put fencing around the area. If there is money available after that is done they would also like to put in a water fountain for both humans and dogs to use.

The Pomperaug Garden Club planted the Eleanor Anderson Garden at the North Green Gazebo. There will be a dedication of the garden on Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup>.

A note of thanks will be sent to the Pomperaug Garden Club for their work at the North Green.

**4) Fire Tower Painting Project:**

The painter for the Fire Tower, Jim Casali, is planning to start painting the tower at the end of this week or definitely on Monday weather permitting.

**5) Hollow Pond Renovation Plan:**

Commissioner Nichols suggested that there be a Special Meeting of the Commissioners to decide on the positioning of the fencing around the Playground and develop ideas for other areas in the Park. It was decided to have the Special Meeting on Tuesday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. Commissioner West asked the Commission to send their ideas and concerns for the Hollow Pond Renovation to Director Miller for the Special Meeting.

**5) New Business:**

a) The Plan of Conservation and Development's scheduled meeting was cancelled and it has been re-scheduled for this Thursday, at 6:30 PM in the Woodbury Library. The meeting is for anyone that would like to attend. The PODC plans to interview heads of different departments for conservation and development ideas.

b) The Shade Tree Committee purchased two new trees for Washington Park and they were planted by Parks and Recreation. This was a joint effort between Parks and Recreation, the Shade Tree Commission and Pomperaug Garden Club. The trees were dedicated to Dave Monckton. Director Miller received a thank you note from the Monckton family thanking everyone.

Commissioner West suggested that a thank you note be sent to the Pomperaug Garden Club for their part in the purchase of the trees and the good care they take in other Town parks.

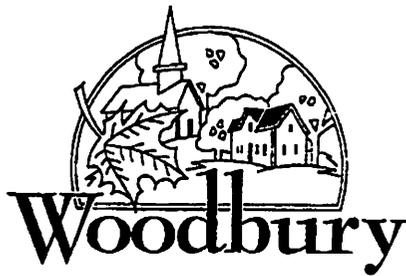
c) The Scholarship Fund has filled out an application for the use of Three Rivers for part of a running race. The race will be held on September 22<sup>nd</sup> between 6 and 11:30 AM.

d) The Goody Bar in the Hollow should be opened every night of the week and Chairman West will check with Lucinda Pitari of New Morning to see how they are doing.

**6) Director's Report:**

a) The Memorial Day Parade had a surprising number of people come out to watch considering the weather. The renovated antique fire truck made its first public appearance and was well received.

The power went out at the Cannon Green during Bud Neal's speech and JP Fernandes came to the rescue and plugged in a generator so the rest of the speakers could be heard.



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- b) The Town Budget passed.
- c) The Town Christmas tree will get new lights and be put up professionally. Director Miller will get samples so the colors on the tree can be decided on.
- d) The Spring programs are drawing to a close and Summer programs will begin in mid-June.
- e) Parks and Recreation has had to modify the dates of the Summer Camp due to the late change in the last day of school. The first day of Summer Camp has been changed to Monday June 25<sup>th</sup>. The number of registrations is down from last year.
- f) Notice of the Fall Programs will not be put in Voices this year, just a press release saying the programs are on line. Some copies of the programs will also be available at the library and the Parks and Recreation office.
- g) Miscellaneous:  
Trolley Bed Preserve/NEMBA progress: Director Miller received an email update from Paul Burton. They have not blazed the Trail yet but are making excellent progress and have another day scheduled on June 10<sup>th</sup>. He hopes to be ready after that. Commissioner Moran and Mike Lodice will walk the trail before the trail blazing is done.
- h) The slab at Upper Hollow Park will be put on the Special Meeting Agenda for suggestions of what to do with it.
- i) Director Miller received an email from Kids Around the World, the playground Company that took the old playground equipment away, saying that the equipment was going to Naomi's Village in Kenya. The smaller one is sitting in Haiti customs ready to go. When Director Miller finds out more about that one she will let the Commission know.

**7) Correspondence:**

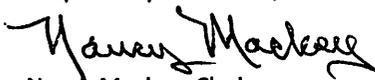
A decision on where to put the cement dogs belonging to the Anderson Family has not yet been made.

A notice stating the ordinances having to do with dogs will be given to everyone who registers a dog at the Town Hall.

**8) Adjournment:**

Commissioner Delessio-Matta made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Nichols.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Nancy Mackey, Clerk

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This 12<sup>th</sup> day of June 2018  
at 8:15 o'clock A M  
Stephanne Cooper  
Asst Town Clerk