

**TOWN OF HAMDEN  
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION  
MEETING**

**December 13, 2011**

**5:30 PM**

**PARKS & RECREATION CONFERENCE ROOM  
HAMDEN GOVERNMENT CENTER  
2750 DIXWELL AVENUE  
HAMDEN**

**Commissioners in attendance:** Tad Watson  
Artie Mann  
Sarah Morrill  
Rich Leonardo

**Others in Attendance:** Mimsie Coleman, Director of Arts, Recreation and Culture  
Peggy Craft, Clerk of the Commission

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Watson called the meeting to order at 5:40 PM.

**MINUTES**

Mr. Watson asked if there were any changes, additions or deletions to the Minutes of the November 8, 2011 Meeting. Hearing none, he called for a motion to accept the Minutes as presented. **Ms. Morrill motioned to accept the Minutes as presented. Mr. Leonardo seconded the motion that passed unanimously.**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Ms. Coleman said there was no correspondence regarding parks. There was a discussion regarding the brush/tree cleanup from the two storms.

**REPORTS**

Mr. Watson received a memo from Town Attorney Sue Gruen regarding the Town Charter Revisions. Copies of the memo were distributed. Ms. Coleman distributed copies of the pages of the Charter pertaining to this Commission. A discussion followed regarding the Charter. Ms. Coleman said that she has spoken with CAO Curt Leng who told her he is working on establishing a new Commission. This Commission would be the Recreation Commission. A Commission could also be created for a Parks/Public Works Commission. Mr. Watson said that if a Parks/Public Works Commission is created he has requested that members of this Commission have first choice to serve on that Commission. Mr. Watson said that our present Commission cannot discuss anything dealing with parks. He said that Assistant Director Frank Cooper now handles parks, and all problems should be discussed with him. Mr. Mann said that he thinks it is this Commission's responsibility to bring these problems to the attention of this Commission and then the Commission should refer it to Mr. Cooper. It was suggested that Frank Cooper be present at these meetings. It was also suggested that Curt Leng be invited to attend

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the next meeting. The Commissioners agreed that if Mr. Leng is not able to attend the meeting, they will schedule a special meeting at his convenience.

A lengthy discussion followed.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Watson said that Commissioner McGarry's appointment is about to expire. Mr. Watson has informed Mr. McGarry of this. The clerk will e-mail Mr. McGarry to remind him to send a letter to the Mayor requesting re-appointment.

**NEW BUSINESS**

There was a discussion regarding the possible upgrade of the secretarial position in the Parks and Recreation office. Ms. Coleman will discuss this with the Town and the Union and report to the Commission at the next meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There was no further business to come before the Commission and Mr. Watson called for a motion to adjourn. **Commissioner Morrill motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Leonardo seconded the motion that passed unanimously.** Chairman Watson adjourned the meeting at 6:25 PM.

Submitted by:

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Peggy Craft, Clerk of the Commission