



# TOWN OF SHARON

## RAC Minutes

Town Clerk

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### Recreation Advisory Committee

**LOCATION OF MEETING: Sharon Community Center**

**DATE & TIME: May 16, 2013**

#### Meeting Minutes

**Present:** Gary Bluestein Chair; Steve Lesco; Margaret Marder; Steve Ferrara; Rick Schantz; Ben Puritz, Town Administrator; Amanda Levasseur, Recreation Director; Christine Kasparian, Assistant Recreation Director.

**6:45pm Call to Order at Gavin's Pond Soccer Fields.**

The Committee made its annual Recreation site visits to the following sites Gavin's Pond, Deborah Sampson Fields and Park (including the Dog park and Community Gardens) and Memorial Park Beach. Ames St will be visited at a future time the Committee ran out of daylight. All sites were walked around and notes were made with suggestions. In general it was felt that the sites were well maintained and serving the Community as anticipated when built. The Committee felt that the groups using the sport sites had maintained an excellent level of condition with a big help from the Sharon Grounds Dept of the DPW.

**Memorial Park Beach:**

Minutes Approval April 25 2013

Motions : Rick S.

Seconds: Steve L.

Unanimous decision to accept.

**Sacred Heart Update:**

Next Thursday, May 23, 2013 at 7pm. Open community forum at Sharon Community Center

**Field Permit Process:**

Agreement/priority usage—researching before solidifying

Steve Ferrara—Do we have spreadsheet of facilities that incur water bills and how much are they? Answer: Eric Hooper possesses the spreadsheets. The Committee would like to see the spreadsheet.

Can we tighten up times and enforce priority usage? This may help to stop blanket reservations. Instead of having them submit a time request, we could have them submit a schedule.

Water and maintenance would be by Recreation Dept. instead of/in tandem with DPW.

We should price program accordingly for permits. There should be a black/white priority list.

Youth groups and schools should have a cohesive agreement

Field permit and agreement should be done before the Fall season starts.

Is the Soccer Association coming to the end of their agreement? We need to tighten up the window of usage. We should have a collateral conversation with the Rec, DPW, and SSA. The biggest policy issue: SSA should have priority, but not exclusivity.

**Reservations vs. Pick-up games**

Reservations require insurance

Pick-up games do not require insurance.

When do our fields rest?

The public is able to play with no insurance, but they will NOT have priority.

Should we permit the bandstand?

Steve F.—Yes

Rick S. -No

**Citizen of the Year—Charles Levine**

Motion: Margaret M.

Second: Steve F.

Unanimous decision to accept Charles Levine as Citizen of the Year.

**Old Business**

Window Signage for Rec Dept.

Tennis—1 hour signs? Please be courteous of other players.

**Updates:** Sticker Sales, Summer Activity Numbers

Camp Everwood has leased Camp Gannett

We are keeping an eye on weekend programming. Next Spring we plan on starting with Saturdays

**Adjourn**

Motion: Steve L.

Second: Margaret

Unanimous decision to adjourn.

9:00PM Meeting Adjourned