Milford Recreation Commission
August 8, 2007

Attendees:

Mary Albina	Alberta Fitch	Bill Ruoff
Nicole Banks	Scott Hembrow	Guy Scaife
Joan Dargie	Claudia Lemaire	Walter Smith
Tim Finan	Rick Mossey	Jim Rezzardy, Rotary

Minutes: July minutes were reviewed and changes submitted. Claudia made a motion to approve, Joan 2nd. All in favor.

Meeting Organization: Bill suggested that we have his secretary compile the agenda each month. He asked that Walter, as Chairman, collect any agenda items and he will provide it to Bill's secretary, Mary. Nicole will do the same for agenda items that are not on the Director's Report.

Director's Report: No Director's report was provided.

Budget: No Budget was provided.

New Alternate Members: Nicole reported that she has the name of a new person who is interested in being an alternate member. Mary also reported that she still has Jan Burkhart interested in sitting. After a review of the RSA guidelines that speak to the Commission, there is not a limit to the number of Members-at-Large that we can have. Walter will take the next step in getting these 2 people started.

Rotary: Jim Rezzardy reported that the swim meet went very well this year – very smoothly. They completed the scheduled events earlier than planned on both days. Parking was tight but everything worked out. Rotary would like to push for a higher number of swimmers for next year since it will be the 40th anniversary of the meet. Bill stated that his staff had a meeting after the meet to talk about what things went will etc. He reported that he will be on the Rec. Commission agenda in Mar 08.

Jim reported that they will start planning next year in Feb. This is the only Rotary meet in the nation and Rotary International will be using the video footage to encourage other Rotary groups to run swim meets in their areas.

Swim program on the computer was a problem since software module that produced the entry cards and award ribbons was not in the software. Bill worked quickly to solve the problem as soon as possible

Nicole reported that as part of the debriefing in the DPW that they understand that there was a problem with the software and that she will start looking at the software in March next year to avoid this again.

Ambulance coverage was discussed as a problem since there was not any at the field when it was needed. It will be looked at next year

Joan reported that the kid who had glass in the foot was treated outside the concession, not inside as reported.

Skate Park: Walter reported that he, Bill and Rick met the Monday after the Rec. Meeting to discuss helmet wear at the park with regards to our Insurance Company, Primex. The Insurance Co. reported that we do not have to require riders or skaters to wear helmets or any protective gear at all.

Recommended change to Rule #2: Safety equipment, such as helmets, kneepads & elbow pads and proper footwear recommended.

Bill also stated that Primex recommended that we add a sign that states the NH RSA 507-B:11 does not hold the town liable since we do not charge a fee to use the park.

Joan made motion to accept the changes as agreed and add a sign for the RSA. Rick 2nd. All in favor.

Rick asked if Nicole will talk to the Rangers about the change in policy and Nicole stated she would.

Nicole recommended that the Riders discuss this at their next meeting. Rick said that he will put it on the agenda.

Park Ranger coverage will end the weekend the pool closes.
Bottle explosives – Rick asked that if Nicole or Bill hear any new information about the bombs that they let Rick know so he can let the Riders know to be cautious. Bill recommended that the Riders have the Police Dept. Come to one of their meetings to discuss this topic. Nicole stated she will contact Chief Douglas to see if he has any recommendations for the Riders or the Park Rangers.

Seniors: Walter reported that the BOS would like the Rec. Commission start looking at this need. Tim confirmed. Joan mentioned that she had looked into a few locations and that there are grants available for this type of project.

Nicole reported that the River of Life Church on 101A has offered they space during the days – except Mondays. They are willing to lease the space for a minimal price a temporary basis until we can come up with another plan.

Walter suggested that we form a subcommittee to look into this, advertise the meeting and get the research started. He recommended advertising on Channel 21. Rick volunteered to Chair this sub-committee and look at a Community Center where other group could also use it because there is such a large need in Milford. The need for a Regional Senior Center was discussed by the BOS. Rick recommended that if the action from the BOS is to look into a senior center and report back to them. If the research bears out that we could combine this effort as Community Center then we will report that back to them. Tim recommended he contact Kara Barlow because she had collected some information about this a few years ago.

Nicole said she would to provide Rick with any of her contact information when he is ready.

Alberta reported that on the last trip they had a problem with a handicapped couple that went on the trip. The gentleman fell on the bus while boarding and it took many people to get him up onto a seat. It also causes a delay when they make stops etc. They would like to attend the next 4 trips so Nicole asked that these 2 people contact her directly so she can discuss their needs for future trips and talk about meeting their needs. Some trips may not be good for them.

WSI: Nicole reported that the class is up and running. Gretchen Dunn is set up as the instructor. 6 students are taking the class which means we will be making a profit.

Cyclocross: The even is still Hampshire Dome, Sept 9th – Recreation Department and Commission is still listed as a supporter of this event. He could use volunteer support at the registration table, 8-11 AM. Bob told Bill that he is still planning to make a donation to the Commission.

Bob would like to have the Commission involved and he recommended the following:

1. Concessions at the field but Joan reported that the Enrichment Program is already running a concession stand.
2. 50/50 raffle

He is also looking at a new opportunity at a Winter Race in the Dome and maybe a Mountain Bike Race in the future. Nicole reported that in her discussion with Bob that we would be willing to look at that again in the future.

Boys & Girls Club: Bill reported that he is working with Nicole and Dave Parker at the SVBGC and he is working to remedy the problems from this year and he is confident that they will return to the swim program next summer.

Concession Stand: Joan paid $400 rent to Walter. Walter asked that she contact Rose about the form that is supposed to accompany the check.

Nicole asked that the screen door on the outside of the concession stand be replaced

Scott made a motion that we allocate $250 to replace the screen door at the Concession stand. Rick 2nd. 6 Yes votes, Joan abstained.

Security Cameras: Bill reported that the cameras are moving forward. He had a meeting with Chief,

Kaley: Engineers are there taking borings to see how deep we need to go. He is hoping that all they will need to do is

grade the loam and seed, not have to add additional soil.

Road additional work done – Guy reported that parking lot already graded out.

Walter reported that he met with Mr. Venetti and he is asking that the fence extend farther back to his abut his property. Mr. V also expressed his concern with the parking lot location based on what the water Commissioner told him a number of years ago. Guy stated that he walked around the property with Mr. V. and the parking lot is not a problem. Guy asked about the fence decision from the commission before we can continue work on this location.

Nicole asked Guy if we will be receiving the $4000 back that we donated to the Flood Recovery effort

Joan Motion to make motion to donate $5500 for the fence at Kaley. Scott 2nd Discussion change the wording.

Ammended motion donation to DPW

Joan made an amendment to her amended motion to make a donation of $5500 to the Town of Milford for the Kaley Park improvements. Scott 2nd. All in favor.

Playground Equipment : Claudia did a little research with her Mother's Group on what pieces of equipment they would like to see at the park. They agreed that the equipment should be used for multiple age groups. They chose 3 different pieces of equipment; Amy Orcutt created a poster to hang at the park so the public can vote on it. Then the Commission will make the final decision and fund it. She will hang it at the pool next week. When the decision is made and the equipment purchased, DPW will install the apparatus to save money. Joan asked Guy about the insurance money from the flooding. He reported that there is money expected to come back to the Commission that will help with the cost.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:45. Next meeting is set for Aug 8, 2007.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Albina, Secretary