Milford Recreation Commission
July 12, 2006

Attendees:

Mary Albina	Mike Banks	Nicole Banks
Joan Dargie	Alberta Finch	Scott Hembrow
Rick Mossey	Walter Smith	Bob Hall, Souhegan Cycleworks

Swim Team:
Mike stated that Buffy will receive her certification by the end of the week and was getting her CPR from the Red Cross in the next few days. The ribbon situation from the last meet will be taken care of with re-supplying the low stock. We may need to have an Open Qualifying Meet at Keyes to make sure that swimmers have enough meets to qualify for the states since the Bedford meet was not completed.

One of the swim team parents expressed her concern about the direction of the team and how promises from the Rec. Commission and Rec. Department were made to the parents over the winter to correct the problems from last year. The commission explained to her that the Commission does not hire or fire the coaching staff. That decision was made with the Rec. Director and H.R.

Suggestion for next year idea – Add a portion on the registration that says: I need help getting to/from meets and/or I can help get swimmers to/from meets so swimmers without rides can get to the away meets.

Rotary: The concession stand will be selling breakfast items, swim caps, stuffed animals and goggles. Joan will coordinate all of this. Mike will check with Jim R. about who will print and sell the program. The MKS would like to sell them or at least have the profit as in the past. He will also check with Jim about using the label maker software with our printer at the pool. Mike will check with DPW about a tent for the bull pen. Set up and Parent meeting will be Thurs Eve. Parents will bring water (1 case per family) to donate for the timers, starters etc.

Nicole will check on the tent at the Pump House. If the tent is not in tact, she will check with the Boys and Girls club to see if they own the tent from last year.

Senior Programs:
Alberta shared a few surveys with the commission and they appeared positive. She mentioned that the flyers for the upcoming events do not have the Rec. Department phone# or Nicole's name on them. The Commission recommends that Nicole fix this for the next round of flyers. Alberta stated that she has a very difficult time locating Nicole either on the phone or in her office. Other Commission members agreed that they had been experiencing the same difficulties. Alberta's concern was that she had paperwork and checks to deliver but if she can't reach Nicole, where should she take them? The Commission suggested that she take the checks to the Town Clerk and they will put them in the Rec. Department mailbox.

She stated that she was not informed as to the reason why the July trip was cancelled and was unable to answer questions from people who were interested. The Commission strongly suggests that Nicole keep Alberta informed about trip status and changes or any other senior event update since that is specifically why she joined the Rec. Commission.

Alberta expressed her concern about the fact that there is nothing being planned for the seniors except the trips. She would like to have speakers and program ideas for the senior coffees etc. 10:00 – 11:30 (2nd) Wednesday, Coffee Hour. 12:00 – 2:00 (4th) Wednesday, Bingo. Joan said that she will help Nicole plan events.

Alberta will check with Kincaid to advertise for the December trip to the Vienna Boys Choir.

Director's Report:
Nicole was not present to present a report. Mike provided a budget statement.

Concession:
The concession stand is starting to do good business – mainly from the camps. Joan expressed her concern about the rental cost for the month of Sep. She thinks it may be too high since they will only be open for a limited time because the pool is not open.

Scott made a motion to reduce the rental rate to $100 for the month of Sep or as agreed to by Enrichment and the Town of Milford. Rick 2nd. Unanimous and 1 abstained.

For the 4th of July, the Commission gave away $38.00 in gift certificates (prizes) and spent $72.00 for the pies. Joan will submit a receipt to Nicole for the expenses.

4th of July
Bike decorating contest was a hit for the Riders and the Kids. The events went off pretty well. Again, Dave Alcox did a great job. Fireworks were well done.

Improvement/suggestions:
-We need turn off the lights around the pool area during the fireworks. It was distracting.
-We need to make the events closer together (bike contest and games) to limit the down time at the park.

CycloCross:
Bob presented a flyer that contained all of the information for the event. He has a promoter set up who will help with all of the paperwork and registration. Registration will be limited to 200 riders. Milfordcross.com will be the web site for the event. He also presented a course map to the commission. Bob asked about Police needs. Joan advised him to let the police know what's going on and they will let them know what level of support they will need to provide. He will need to have help marshalling the course, sign up tables etc. Concession stand will be open. The fees are to cover insurance and the remainder to divide 50/50 between the Enrichment Program and the Rec. Commission. The Commission will cover some of the costs for the event. Bob and Rick will talk further about the support that the Riders can provide.

Parking: Nicole will check with Boys and Girls Club to see if their lot will be available. She will also talk to DPW to see what level of support they can to provide. (Course tape – stakes – staplers – trash pick up, etc)

Skate Park:
Mike reported that he had 2 kids arrested yesterday for graffiti at the park. Rick stated that the Riders have a gallon of paint to cover graffiti until DPW can get there. He will look into it.

New Item:
The Commission wants to know who will be in charge of the Department when Nicole is out on maternity leave.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:50. Next meeting is set for August 9, 2006.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Albina, Secretary.