Milford Recreation Commission
September 13, 2006

Attendees:

Mary Albina	Nicole Banks	Bob Hall, Souhegan Cycleworks
Joan Dargie	Sophie Morrison	Reggie Walker, SVU
Rick Mossey	Walter Smith	Damond Steer, Milford Cabinet

Cameras:
Walter and Mary reported that they had met with one of the security camera vendors to discuss the camera coverage at Keyes Park. The Commission discussed motion activated lights, park hours and times that night time coverage occurs. Rick asked about the current costs of repairs from vandals and Nicole suggested that DPW might have that answer. Sophie will look into it. Rick mentioned that if motion activated lights were down there, maybe there was a way to trigger an alarm at the police station.

Cyclocross:
Bob reported that he has started registration for the race and has approximately 17 people registered at this time. These racers are all people who signed up on line. He is confident that we will have plenty of riders. He has been having meetings with the promoters about the many details of the race – hay bails, stakes etc. Bob stated that he was planning to attend another local event to look at details that he did not consider for this event. He is comfortable that he will have plenty of volunteers. He will meet conduct a volunteer meeting on Sat. 23 Sep, 10:00 at the pavilion at Keyes. bob@603sports.com. Nicole suggested the Walter ask Rose to establish a Cyclocross line item. Bob asked about the use of the bathrooms and water. Sophie stated that she spoke with DPW and Connie said that the bathrooms will be open and the water will be running. Sophie will ask Connie about cleaning the bathrooms. Sophie will double check with DPW to confirm.

Revolving Fund:
In the absence of the Recreation Director, the Revolving Fund manager defaults to Walter Smith as Chairman and to Scott Hembrow, Vice-Chair as reviewer.

Kaley Park:
Walter went to the CIP and told them that we do not want the $250,000 because we were not moving forward with the whole field development. He said that the road is currently passable but will need to improve the road to prevent it from washing away.

Joan made a motion to approve $50,000 of currently available Kaley funds to improve the road and develop a parking area. Rick 2nd. Walter's opinion is that we should try to develop the field space without using town funds. The field will need to be graded to make it usable for practice fields. A unanimous vote carried the motion.

Mary suggested that we contact the Conservation Commission to discuss the development of the area. Walter will look into that.

Keyes Soccer Field and SVU:
The proposal from SVU on the assisted cost of developing the soccer field was presented by Walter. In addition, they asked for priority scheduling on the field. Nicole did not recommend the priority scheduling on the field, but we would try to work with them. The contract states that the SVU is asking for a 4.5 year contract but Larry said that the Town cannot enter into a contract of this length without voter approval. Larry suggested that we consider a 3 year or less – "in kind services agreement" without priority scheduling. We discussed hours of usage with respect to games and practices and the addition of time due to the games on the weekend.

The issue of game fees, $10 per hour/per game is separate from the $5 per season/per hour. Reggie asked how early an organization can book a field. Nicole told him that as early as you have a schedule, insurance wavers signed and ready and Town paperwork signed, then she can schedule the field. Then the SVU would have

permits in hand for the next 3 years and at the end of the 1st year they could book for the 4th year. There is no priority scheduling given to them because all fields are 1st come – 1st severed. The question about scheduling years in advance and setting a bad precedence for the future was proposed. The Commission felt that the agreement with SVU would be the same type of agreement as we have with the American Legion. Reggie will take the proposal back to the SVU Board for discussion.

Sophie – Action Items: field usage and the amount of time you can spend on a field before it needs to be reseeded etc. and lighting drop costs.

Larry will confirm the 3 year contract limit.

Skate Park:
The Commission commented on the improved condition of the park thanks to the Riders painting over the graffiti.

Trees Replacement:
Larry reported that the damaged tree that needs to be replaced. He is researching the options: UNH Coop Extension recommended a Honey Locus – White Oak – Red Maple. These are all medium to fast growing trees. Larry looked into Red Oak. The BOS asked that the Recreation Commission make a recommendation on the type of trees. Mary made a motion to purchase 3 Red Maples to plant at Keyes. Walter 2nd. Unanimous vote carried the vote.

Senior Programs:
Joan asked that we transfer $ from another line item to the Senior Program line item to be able to fund additional program ideas and coffee expenses..

Summer Review:
Furnishings: Walter recommended that Joan spend the $ and we'll balance the budget at the end of the year if needed. Mary will look into sales
Lawn furniture was a big hit. Walter asked that Sophie look at the storage available and maybe we can look at purchasing additional furniture if it goes on sale during the winter.

Diving Board & Other Pool Accessories: Walter wants to have it reinstalled if we still have it. Mary will look into it.

Concessions: Joan said that the Board needs to decide if the concession stand should be a profit maker or a public service. The Rec. Commission earned a profit but the Enrichment Program did not. There were too many deposits and payments

Pool: Sophie made a recommendation that DPW purchase a pool vacuum cleaner that would run over night. Connie said that he looked into it and that it was too expensive so Sophie offered to look into it.
AED – (Automatic Emergency Defibrillator) is needed at the pool. ? Stetson was looking into it.

A Swim Team Meeting was tentatively set for Oct 4, 7:00.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:00. Next meeting is set for October 11, 2006.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Albina, Secretary.