Tilton Park Commission
257 Main Street
Tilton, New Hampshire  03276

MINUTES OF September 6, 2011

PARK COMMISSIONERS;  Chairman Robert Hardy, Vice Chairman Peter Fogg, Treasurer William Lawrence, Marina Sumner, Ex Officio Normand Boudreau, and Alternate Ex Officio & Secretary Katherine Dawson

MEMBERS PRESENT:  Chairman Robert Hardy, Vice Chairman Peter Fogg, Ex Officio Norman Boudreau, and Alternate Ex Officio & Secretary Katherine

VISITORS;  Tilton Police Chief Robert Cormier, Selectmen Joseph Jesseman & Pat Concentino, Mark Dawson, Gabbriella Dawson

6:00 pm

Bob Hardy discussed outstanding bills from Belknap Landscaping, which reflects the credits for the mulching of Main Street trees and summer maintenance of Island Park, there is currently a credit of $445; a bill for the porta potties at the Ball field and the Island Park. The Island Park bill will not be charged to the Commissions account. There was also a bill for janitorial services at the Riverfront Park. The members discussed automatic payments for the bills. Norm Boudreau explained what the town finance officer is currently doing with some of the town bills, after Selectmen approval some bills are electronically paid, but not automatically withdrawn. Bob is concerned that we are not getting early pay, within 10 days, discounts such as with the paper supply company. After some discussion Norm made a motion to have the finance officer pay the bills. Peter second the motion. All were in favor.

Bob received a call from Grey's Well, they wanted to know if they could proceed with the well at the Ball field? The storage trailer has been moved out of the way, but we still need to investigate acquiring a storage shed approximately 12’ x 14’ to house the water works and the panels & bracing for the proposed ice rink. Discussion on the number, sizes of the rink panels & the different components that are required to make the rink. Bob may call a meeting later in the month to discuss and order the rink.

Katherine reported on the progress getting the electrical supply for the irrigation in Riverfront Park. Clough Electric snaked the conduit from the electrical room and discovered it was a vent for the open trench drain at the head of the stairs and can not be used. Alternatives might be a separate service from a pole (which would be expensive having to bore under three sidewalks), tying into the existing conduit and line for the lights along the walks, or trenching up to the pavilion which would require boring through the retaining wall, removing bricks from the patio and than into the building. It was agreed to investigate utilizing the light conduit.

Chief Cormier discussed the upcoming Christmas Parade event and handed out copies of the form the Main Street Organization use for parade participants. Several parade routes were discussed and it was determined the High & Middle School was the best starting point as they have large parking areas. The start time will be earlier than in the past in response to citizens requests to have it during daylight hours for safety and visibility. Bob suggested to go forward with Vicy’s idea to replace a dead tree in Riverfront Park with an evergreen so it could be decorated for Christmas. All were in agreement. He offered prices for two types a white fir $300 and a blue spruce $350. Norm motioned to purchase the blue spruce for $350. Peter second the motion. All were in favor. Bob would like to dedicate the tree with a plaque in Vicy’s memory. All were in agreement. Discussion
continued on the time to start the parade. Chief Cormier explained that Plymouth rented large event lights to compensate for the darkness. Bob suggested to start the parade at 3:00pm and have the fireworks start at 5:00pm. All were in agreement. There was a reminder to ask Northfield for permission if the fireworks were going to be set off in their park across the river. It was agreed to have the event on December 3, 2011. Bob will take the reservations for the parade participants. It will be called the Annual Tilton Christmas Parade. Bob will arrange for Santa Claus to attend and contact some individuals who have horse and carriage. Peter will contact the school for use of the parking lots.

Bob asked Chief Cormier if he thought there should be additional cameras in Riverfront Park? The Chief and Bob will look at the coverage and determine if additional cameras will be needed. It was felt there should be cameras at the ice rink along with lights. Bob will email specifications for the ice rink to the Commissioners before the next meeting. It was discussed that the ice skating should be closed at 10:00pm.

Bob updated the Commissioners on the irrigation company, the conversation they had with Vicy and Bob seem to indicate they were backing out. Bob suggested the project be rebid. Peter will bring in the previous bidders so they can readress their quotes.

Katherine will do the walk through for the application for Riverfront Park on 9-11-11. There has been a request for use of the parking lot at Riverfront Park from 4:30 – 10:00pm, later in the fall, by a patron of Riverfront Place having a wedding celebration. Discussion; the park is mostly shut down at that time of year and is used very little, concern on the large numbers expected and where the overflow will find parking. Bob made a motion to allow the use after an application has been filled out and a deposit made. Norm made the second. All were in favor.

Bob read an unsigned letter from an individual who was not completely satisfied with their walk through Buffalo Park. They suggested better signage and marked trails. They also had a somewhat difficult time locating the entrance. Bob will locate someone to make the sign and a trail day was suggested.

Bob reminded the Commissioners that they would need to find another member. Peter made a motion to increase the membership to seven. Bob seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Selectman Jesseman informed the Commissioners that the Recycling Committee would be ordering more bags for the recycle containers and this time they would not be see through.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm