

**TOWN OF BRATTLEBORO  
RECREATION & PARKS DEPARTMENT  
BOARD MEETING  
March 12, 2012**

The Brattleboro Recreation & Parks Board met on Monday, March 12, 2012 at the Gibson Aiken Center in the Conference Room.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Peggy DeAngelis at 6:00 p.m. Attending were Chairperson Peggy DeAngelis, Vice Chairman Ricky Davidson, board members Betsy Gentile, Renee Woliver, Bonnie Carr, Marty Rancourt, Director Carol Lolatte, Assistant Director Jessy Cudworth, Program coordinator Kate Hayford and Administrative Assistant Kim Isaacsen.

The minutes of the February meeting were approved as printed.

Carol introduced new staff Kate Hayford Program Coordinator and Kim Isaacsen Administrative Assistant. Kate gave board information about her background and education.

**PROGRAM REPORT:** Assistant Director Jessy Cudworth passed out her monthly program report and senior center newsletter. Board was very pleased with newsletter and information contained in newsletter. Jessy will be reaching out to the community and seniors; she would like to bring more seniors in to the Gibson Aiken Center for programming.

- Youth sports sign-ups will be held at Gibson Aiken Center on 3/20 and at BAMS on 3/16
- Zumba participants have increased for Session III
- Review of regular senior center programming included in newsletter

**OLD BUSINESS**

**WINTER CARNIVAL:** Due to lack of snow several events were cancelled, new event of tug-of-war was added and well received. There was also good turn out for the grand day at the Gibson Aiken Center.

**WEST RIVER PARK UPDATE:** WRP Committee and the Rec & Parks Board met at the Gibson Aiken Center to stuff approximately 200 letters that were mailed on March 9, 2012. Ben Underhill is still gathering information to be used for future mailing. It is believed that the letter that has been mailed and future mailing will generate more funding for project. The gate was installed the week of March 5th. Carol will be presenting a written report at town meeting.

**CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATE:** Funding for Rec Track has been approved by the Selectboard. The time line was given out to board members, the goal will be to start using in May we will start using the program to get on board with the Pool Season Passes. It will be rolled out in 2 phases, phase one will be season pass management, phase two will be registration and facility scheduling.

The Gazebo on the common is scheduled for repairs in April. It will be repaired and painted.

**SKATEBOARD UPDATE:** Lengthy discussion regarding current issues regarding skatepark, board members raised the following issues:

- Current Selectboard did not approve this project
- Lack of public input, it is unclear to the community what is going on with this project
- The skate park may come up under other business for town meeting on March 24<sup>th</sup>
- Betsy suggest maybe someone should speak at town meeting to form a committee, and revisit process used to determine current location
- Is any of the current funding tied to current purposed location
- Members of current Selectboard may need to be educated about process that was used to determine current purposed location
- Carol confirmed that the current site will not have power, lights and money for future repairs will need to be set aside.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**SUMMER REGISTRATION:** Registration for summer programs will be at Gibson Aiken Center on May 17<sup>th</sup>, keep the date open.

**VRPA:** Carol gave board members copy of Vermont Recreation & Parks Association flyers, workshops will be held on April 10 in White River Junctions and April 11 in Shelburne, cost for workshop is \$15.00.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 9, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room at the Gibson Aiken Center.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Kim Isaacsen*

Kim Isaacsen, Administrative Assistant