# Parks & Recreation Commission Approved 2-24-2015

# Meeting Minutes - December 9, 2014

Meeting began at approx. 6pm

Present: Ronalee P., Courtney M., Mike R., Ryan M., Don L., Angelica M., Jeff Johnson, Paul Cornoni

Review/Vote to Approve minutes from 10/14/14

Motion to approve was made by Courtney, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion made by Mike. Minutes approved as written.

### **Old Business:**

### Fee Scales/Use of Park

This will be discussed at a later date.

### **PARC Grant**

The event at the Newburyport Brewery raised money, about \$1,500. There was also money raised at the SES Craft Fair from the face painting table that was set up-about \$63. PARCs met 12/8/14 with Brandon to focus on the Tortoise and Hare Race on April 4, 2015. The Bacon and Brew-fest will be held in August of 2015. Fundraising will also begin at the elementary school through Terracycle, where children can recycle certain items to help raise money. A penny drive will also be set up at the elementary school. Salisbury Lions Club would like to sponsor a handicapped playground connected to the Partridge Brook Park (PBP). This will cost about \$180,000. Once complete, it could open the door to more grant money for the PBP. Tree clearing at the site has started. There is a deadline of June 1, 2015. \$800,000 was appropriated by the Town, \$400,000 has to be matched. There is a major need for the baseball league and field users to start helping to raise money for the park. SYBL would like lights installed at the PB as well as backstops and houses. There is also a need for the fence. There has not been a lot of feedback from the baseball league or other users of the field. Jeff Johnson and Paul Cornoni are willing to help fundraise for the park. The fields have a potential to make money via user fees and tournaments put on by the town. Mike R. will reach out to contacts at Port Fence. In the fall planning will go to banks and local businesses such ENPRO to ask for donations. Also there is possibly grant money available through Dicks Sporting Goods. After the fields are complete, advertising signs could be sold to place along the fence. Other ideas for fundraising include mile markers or adopt a bench. Timberland also offers a build day for trails where the community can come help out. They do volunteering throughout the region and have helped with the Ghost Trail.

#### **New Business:**

### Tortoise and the Hare

The Tortoise and the Hare will be held on April 4<sup>th</sup> and be used to raise money for PARC. There will also be a recycled sports equipment event going on at the same time. Heidi Thompson will be sent a registered letter regarding the money owed from the Tortoise and the Hare. She will have a deadline of 12/31/14 to return the money or legal action will be taken.

### Volleyball

Volleyball is going well and will remain non-competitive.

Meeting ended at approximately 8:15 p.m.