

**Chittenden Central Supervisory Union
Recreation and Parks Advisory Council Meeting
Maple Street Park
Essex Junction, VT
Thursday, March 31, 2011**

MINUTES

Council Members Present: Zeb Cordner, Dan Kerin, Bridget Meyer, Kahlil Zaloom

Staff Present: Mark Brislin, Ryan Hegreiness, Brad Luck, Harlan Smith

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

Visitors Present: Andrew Cimonetti, Dave Crawford, John Lajza

Welcome and Introductions:

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the March 3, 2011 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Director's Report:

We discussed the impending budget vote, which proposes a level tax rate and level capital dollar amount of \$75K. The pavilion structure is on hold and next steps need to be defined with the architect. The Bike Park Committee has several initiatives underway, including the raffle, waiting to hear on the trails grant, and an application with the planning commission. It looks like RecTrac has software compatible to meet our needs for childcare. We received 128-applications for about two dozen summer staff positions, after returning staff had responded and been accepted. There are over 20 applicants for the CIT program. The Dog Park Committee is working on the first draft of the license with the West Street Complex. The Essex Has Talent competition was a great success. The Memorial Day Parade committee is hosting a fundraiser at The Essex to raise funds for the parade.

Rec Governance Discussion:

We reviewed the agreement that was signed by the Prudential Committee and the Board of Trustees, which ended the dispute over Rec governance.

Advisory Council Charter:

We re-read our Charter, identifying some areas that need to be updated based on the recent agreement between the Prudential Committee and Board of Trustees.

Here is some of the language in the agreement that needs to be incorporated:

The Recreation Advisory Council shall be changed as follows: A) there shall be two new voting members added immediately; one member must be a member of the Prudential Committee and the other must be a member of the Village's Board. B) The terms of the six adult members shall be filled by members of the public and staggered, so two expire in one year, two expire in two years, and two expire

in three years. Upon expiration of these terms, their successors shall each have three year terms, The Village and the District shall each appoint one member in years one, two, and three, none of whom shall be members of the Parties respective governing boards. There shall also be a youth member, appointed by the district, who shall serve a one year term. C) The Recreation Advisory Council shall communicate directly to the Village Board and the Prudential Committee on issues of interest to the Board and the Prudential Committee through their ex officio members and in advance of the semiannual meetings discussed in paragraph three.

We tabled making any changes to the document and will re-examine next month.

Next meeting is set for Thursday, April 28th, 2011 @ 6:30p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bridget Meyer, Chair