

TOWN OF HAMPTON FALLS

PRESENT: F. J. Ferreira, Jr., Chairman; S. C. Volpone, Jr., T. C. Tocci, Selectmen;
E. N. Small, Town Administrator; L. A. Ruest, Administrative Assistant

BASEBALL FIELD AT GOVERNOR WEARE PARK – HAMPTON YOUTH

ASSOCIATION PROPOSAL: The Board reviewed and discussed items submitted as part of a proposed agenda and program overview provided by HYA President Matt Shaw. The Board is scheduled to meet with him on Wednesday, March 7.

Larry Smith was present. It was noted that the requests made have yet to be reviewed by the Recreation Commission and that Peter Robart and Larry Smith are interested in becoming members of the Recreation Commission. L. Smith stated that he would be willing to be a member of a Governor Weare Park Subcommittee if membership to the Recreation Commission only allows a certain number of members. It was noted that some members of committees have not attended for consecutive months and further suggested that the Selectmen establish a policy to replace members who are not attending for three consecutive meetings.

Lengthy discussion took place with regard to the proposed use of the baseball field at Governor Weare Park. Items discussed included:

- Drafting an agreement/contract to include the responsibilities of both parties, commitment and obligations.
- Posting a bond for potential damages or other.
- Allowing use of the field without charging a fee to cover costs.
- Field lighting (Recreation Commission has taken a position of no lighting as there is no one responsible for taking care of the park). Who is to pay for installation and the electricity for future lighting, if approved? Is voter approval needed for this improvement?
- Securing the field(s).
- Costs of maintenance (fertilizing, mowing, etc.)
- Naming rights, advertising, etc.
- Parking of vehicles and traffic.
- Disallowance of field use in certain conditions. Fields currently closed November through April.
- Fencing, bleachers, dugouts, etc.
- Review of plans.
- Insurance coverages.

Suggestion was made to obtain advice of counsel on how to deal with this request. In the interim, it was suggested to reach some agreement to allow the use of the baseball field this year; possibly a one-year contract. Any contract should also include that any costs incurred by the Town as a result of use of the field be billed to the responsible party (ie, cleanup of trash). The Board was in agreement that the proposed program should not cost the town anything.

It was determined that at this time, the Town is being asked to mow the fields and repair the first base line drainage. HYA is to provide fencing for safety at the side lines, and overhang on the backstop and an outfield fence to include supports.

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E. N. Small will talk with counsel to determine whether the Selectmen or Recreation Commission have authority to deal with this issue. The Board is willing to enter into a one-year contract until further research can be conducted, then consider negotiating a long-term contract.

2006 TOWN REPORT: E. N. Small explained problems with the timing of preparation and delivery of the Town Report. He noted that the printer who was awarded the bid has contracted out the printing of the Town Report. E. N. Small has a copy of the proof in hand, however, there is a chance that the reports will not be delivered in time for distribution to residents before Election Day.

**MOTION TO GO INTO NONPUBLIC SESSION
AT 9:09 PM TO DISCUSS LAND NEGOTIATION**

**MOTION: S. C. VOLPONE, JR.
SECOND: T. C. TOCCI
UNANIMOUS**

**MOTION TO GO OUT OF NONPUBLIC SESSION
AND RESUME AT 9:20 AM**

**MOTION: T. C. TOCCI
SECOND: S. C. VOLPONE, JR.
UNANIMOUS**

CONSERVATION COMMISSION – SELECTMEN’S REPRESENTATIVE: The Board approved E. N. Small attending Conservation Commission meetings as representative of the Selectmen.

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 9:22 AM

**MOTION: T. C. TOCCI
SECOND: S. C. VOLPONE, JR.
UNANIMOUS**