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## **Wilton Parks and Recreation Commission**

### **July 9, 2014**

Present: Commissioners, Mark Ketley, Kevin O'Brien, Anne Richards, Joe Burke, Bryan Dedrick and Steve Pierce, Parks and Recreation Director. The meeting was called to order at 7:32 pm.

#### **Minutes**

Commissioner O'Brien made a motion to approve the May minutes. Commissioner Burke seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

#### **Comstock Update**

Chairman Ketley updated the commission on the project to renovate Comstock. The project is on schedule and plans going well. The building committee has met a few times and hazardous materials tests have been done. Now that Yankee Gas has been signed up to bring natural gas through the area, efforts to identify the appropriate replacement furnace for Comstock are underway.

#### **Merwin Meadows**

The commission discussed the current state of Merwin Meadows and its interest in evaluating potential improvements to the facility. It was agreed that resources for architectural plans to enhance Merwin Meadows should be included in the next budget cycle.

## July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration

Steve Pierce provided a review of July 4th activities. The festivities needed to be postponed by one day due to bad weather. This resulted in slightly lower attendance than in recent years. The event went smoothly and those in attendance appeared to enjoy themselves. Steve commented that the police did an excellent job this year. Expenses for the even exceeded revenues by \$13, 000.

## Parks and Recreation Department Audit

Chairman Ketley reviewed the findings of the Parks and Recreation department audit. The commission discussed at length the issues raised in the audit and the need to strike an appropriate balance between operating controls and servicing the needs of the community given the challenging resource constraints on the department.

## Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Commissioner O'Brien made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Burke seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0. The Parks and Recreation meeting adjourned at 8:50.

Respectfully submitted,

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