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**Town of Acton
Recreation Commission**

MINUTES

ROOM 126, ACTON TOWN HALL

DATE: JANUARY 7, 2014

ATTENDEES

Recreation Commission members present were Ms. Bridget McKeever-Matz, Chair, Ms. Betsy Mercier, Commissioner, Mr. Joe Will, Commissioner, Ms. Cathy Fochtman, Recreation Director, Ms. Melissa Rier, Natural Resources, Ms. Cheryl Getsick, Secretary; Ms. Eileen Sullivan, APS Curriculum Specialist

AGENDA TOPICS

Meeting called to order at: 7:00 PM

Citizens Concerns: None

CONSENT AGENDA

DISCUSSION November 2013 and December 2013 minutes

ACTION ITEM November 2013 and December 2013 as amended, 3-0

TOPIC: Action Item Review – None

TOPIC: EILEEN SULLIVAN – ACTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS NATURAL PLAYGROUNDS

DISCUSSION

Ms. Sullivan presented a slide show on "Nature Play Spaces for Acton Schools". Discussion of a similar children's garden at Morrison Farm which would allow for more natural play involving nature and unstructured playtime. Request for CPC funds for a Natural Playground design at each of the elementary schools. Total cost approximately \$30K. Requested a letter of support from the Recreation Commissioners. Motion to accept and seconded; passed 3 – 0.

TOPIC: GOWARD PLAYGROUND INSTALLATION

DISCUSSION

The playground equipment installation is approximately 90% complete. The train is not completely installed and Kompan is paying for the missing parts. Ms. Fochtman spoke with Central Nurseries to inquire as to the missing part. Temporary fencing will be installed. Mr. Leo has inquired about signage. Completion depends on the upcoming weather.

REPORTS:

DISCUSSION

- a) **Miracle Field:** nothing to report
- b) **Community Preservation Committee:** nothing to report.
- c) **School Street:** Multi-year lease was not approved. Will maintain a year to year lease.
- d) **Playground Update:** nothing to report.
- e) **Open Space & Recreation Plan:** Draft copies were presented to Commissioners for review
- f) **NARA Park Pavilion Update:** Building Department currently reviewing progress
- g) **Recreation Operations:** Gearing up for the upcoming release of the spring / summer booklet
- h) **T.J. O'Grady Skate Park:** Contract with ASD/Stantec close to being signed
- i) **NARA Comfort Station:** Cost estimate on the design of the Comfort Station is being evaluated.
- j) **Morrison Farm:** Added additional plots to gardens

NEW BUSINESS/DISCUSSION:

1. FEE STRUCTURE FOR THE NEW PICNIC PAVILION
2. PURCHASE OF HARRIS STREET

MEETING ADJOURNED TIME:

8:45 PM

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