

**TOWN OF BEDFORD
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
January 13, 2009
BEDFORD MEETING ROOM**

Present were: Michael Scanlon (TC), Michele Casale and Chairman Bill Foote. Absent (Sue Thomas, Kim Daneault, Mike Desroche, Norm Longval and Mac McMahan)

Chairman Foote opened the meeting at 7 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS - Dog Park subcommittee update.

Councilor Longval is not here tonight so we will table this.

Chairman Foote approval for Summer/Clinic and camp. We have been given four submissions, Bedford Lacrosse League, Major League Soccer, Bedford Soccer League and Bedford United Athletic Club.

Councilor Scanlon asked we have 3 soccer recreation programs in the Town? Ms. O'Brien said Bedford Soccer League has always been the recreation program. Bedford United Athletic Club is that new second program. Councilor Scanlon asked, but it is a recreation programs everyone who plays can play correct? Ms. O'Brien said yes. Major League Soccer came in to Town years ago with Brian Ross because the other groups did not handle the 6 year old and under. I motioned to approve it because I thought they were doing just 6 and under, but as of today they would like to do all ages too. Councilor Scanlon asked they offer a recreational program? Ms. O'Brien said no just a camp. Councilor Scanlon said so they are not sponsored by any league. Ms. O'Brien said no it was a Town resident who brought them in years ago. Councilor Scanlon asked who is the sponsor of the Bedford United Athletic Club? That is the league, what is the name of the organization they want to bring in again "Net Soccer Academy". Ms. O'Brien said yes. Councilor Scanlon asked do they have competing weeks, no. Ms. O'Brien said the only competing weeks would be MLS Soccer and my recommendation was not to have Bedford Soccer League have that week so that MLS can have it, but at the time I thought it was just for 6 and under, but now it is all ages. Councilor Scanlon said again that is not a week where there is soccer camp going on in town. Ms. O'Brien said if you do not approve the second week that BSL requested.

Ms. Casale asked what is wrong with approving all three weeks? Why are you recommending two out of three for that group? Ms. O'Brien said per our Guidelines it states no two camps of the same sport will be allowed during the same week, so are we going to all two soccer camps of all ages at the same time. Chairman Foote asked do you recall what the rationale was for that. For not having two competing camps. Councilor Scanlon said we just didn't want camp wars going on and that goes way way back. Ms.

Casale said okay. Councilor Scanlon said I will make a motion that we approve the Bedford Lacrosse request for July 13 to the 17th that is a no brainer. Then we can move on to the soccer ones.

MOTION made by Councilor Scanlon to approve Bedford Lacrosse request for July 13th. Seconded by Ms. Casale. Vote taken – all in favor. Motion passed. 3-0.

Councilor Scanlon commented my only question is the only difference between MLS other than the fact that they are not sponsored by a league is the fact that they were allowing 6 year olds and now the other leagues are accepting 6 year olds? Ms. O'Brien said correct. Councilor Scanlon said all the other camps are accepting them? Ms. O'Brien replied yes. Councilor Scanlon said according to our guidelines and it has been a while since I looked at the Camp Guidelines the leagues get preference over the week anyway. Don't they get what they want first and whatever is left the other camps can come in. By default they have the right to three weeks. The only conflict is they are asking for the same week as a non-sponsored league. So they get the preference over the non-sponsored league per our guidelines. It is the non-sponsored league that has to fit themselves in after the fact. Ms. O'Brien said you are correct, but when MLS requested it was 6 and under and that has changed as of this afternoon. So it is up to the Commission to decide if you want another week of all ages and allowing two programs to be here at the same time. Councilor Scanlon said I do not think we can. Our guidelines say we can only have one camp and we have to give the preference to the Bedford Soccer League or to their camp. Ms. O'Brien commented unless MLS wants to do 6 and under. Councilor Scanlon said so we are going to have 3 year olds going to soccer camp? Ms. O'Brien said yes, they do. It is called PeeWee Soccer and they pay. Unless you want to make a recommendation to MLS that they can only do their 6 and under camp, because technically their request had to be in by December 31st, and the request at that time was for 6 and under.

Chairman Foote said there are other weeks they can move it to if they would like to. Ms. O'Brien said how many weeks are we going to have soccer camps, because in mid-August we start having pre-season with the high school. Chairman Foote said there is a gap between July 17th and July 27th. If they want to back it off for a week or two. Ms. O'Brien said that would be up to MLS and they are not here tonight. If that is your recommendation then I can administer it. Councilor Scanlon said just for my own clarification, I am sorry that I am confused. Bedford Soccer League program and the Bedford United Athletic Club program is for 6 and older? Ms. O'Brien said all ages. Councilor Scanlon said so BSL will take care of the 6 year olds too! Ms. Scheetz said this year we did an RFP and we received all ages 3 and up. Councilor Scanlon said that is for the Bedford Soccer League? Ms. Scheetz said yes.

Councilor Scanlon asked is anyone here for Bedford United? Mr. Oprarowski said yes we are doing all ages too! Councilor Scanlon said so both of you are willing to do, if they can walk they can come to soccer camp. Okay then I do not think it is an option, it is the same camp. Unless they wanted to pick another week and come back to us, which it

would be fair to open that door for them. If they pick a week that is not being used and if we want to reconsider that. I do not think we should penalize them because they did not have their answer by December 31st, they are getting it tonight. I do not know if you guys feel any differently, but those are the 5 weeks. Seems like a lot of soccer camp, but soccer is popular in this Town and there is no doubt I am sure they can fill these camps up.

Ms. Casale said so Mike you are saying Bedford Soccer League can get their three weeks and Major Soccer League will get zero at this point unless they change their dates? Councilor Scanlon said yes, they are offering the same program that is being offered by a camp sponsored by one of our leagues and by our bi-laws they get the preference. Chairman Foote said okay. Councilor Scanlon said if they want to come back and say we will do it from the first week of August instead or second week of August however it works out and they are not conflicting then we can reconsider their request.

Chairman Foote said we can make a motion granting BSL and BUAC and with the caveat that Major League has to come back.

MOTION made by Councilor Scanlon to grant weeks as requested in the Memo from Jane dated January 5 for Bedford Soccer League and for Bedford United Athletic Club for the two weeks they are requesting and part of that motion is that we deny the application of Major League Soccer, but allow them to reconsider their application and pick a week in which there is no direct conflict with another soccer camp. Seconded by Ms. Casale. Vote taken – all in favor. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS – Discussion of Leagues Input Regarding Recreation User Fees

Chairman Foote said moving right along I am sure there are a few people here that would like to talk on that subject.

Councilor Scanlon asked can I say a few things on that first. I know there has been a lot of e-mails going around. Currently there is no plan from the Town to impose these fees this year. So if that is your concern, there is nothing for this year. The Council had originally asked me to bring it back to the committee and get a recommendation. I did that and the committee said it could be a good idea, I brought it back to the Council and the Council decided it was too quick and they wanted time to look at it. So there are no fees that are going to be implemented this year, currently, I do not know what the majority of the Council will do at some point down the road. I just wanted to make sure everyone understands that. We are not looking for fees for this year. In their discussion, if you read the minutes, it was very clear that the recommendation was that those fees would go to the improvement of the field. They were going to go to a fund that would improve the quality of the fields that we have it was not just a general fund or slush fund kind of a thing. It would be specifically designated for field maintenance and improvements. I wanted to make sure people understood that before anybody got too worked up over these years' fees, which I know, I have seen that already.

Chairman Foote said be that as it may, does anyone want to come up and talk about Recreation User Fees, we are happy to entertain public comment.

Scott Klose (4 Servant Street) quick question, I do not know much about what is going on with the user fees, but in my case of Adult league we are strictly recreation, no money type issue we are just out there playing for fun. Jane gave me a quick update that it was \$15 for resident and \$50 for non? Chairman Foote said yes that was we had originally said. Mr. Klose said on the money end of things, most of my league are corporations here in Town. The company is here, but the people do not live here, would they get charged non-resident.

Councilor Scanlon said I think under the agreement that we discussed they would, but certainly that would be a case since you are an industrial league that caters to business here in Town that an exception can be made if they worked in Town, it is a good point and we should have discussed it, but we did not. The whole idea when we talked about it and having non-residents pay more, we were thinking of the people that do not live or work in Bedford that send their kids and they use our facilities that we are spending a lot of money on and we felt that they needed to pay a fair share. Their fair share since they do not pay taxes is that they should pay a higher user fee. So certainly business we can cater to them and I personally think that would be a good exemption that if we have an industrial league such as your own and it is sponsored by a tax paying company in Town that they would be considered residents.

Mr. Klose said like TF Moran has 3 offices most of their team is out of the Bedford office but they do bring in one or two from Portsmouth office. Councilor Scanlon said it is still a Bedford company. Mr. Klose said by the field use guidelines you have to live or work in Town to be considered a local league or Town league. Chairman Foote said for pecking order status. Mr. Klose said I just didn't know if that would fall into play with this. Chairman Foote said we had not discussed that aspect.

Councilor Scanlon said personally, I do not know how anyone else would feel, but I think that is a legitimate exception for that \$15. I would say charge them \$15 like residents. All of our discussions centered around those kids that are coming and playing on teams home base in Bedford and use our facilities.

Dick Montemerlo (18 Old Stone Way) I am here representing BSL, the only thing I want to bring up in the future when we talk about these fees, I think you have to give some careful consideration. This has come up in the past and we have taken a look at usage fees. This really isn't a usage fee, because we are not at a gate like the tennis courts. I think someone said we should charge for tennis. There is not going to be someone down there and who is going to go on the tennis court and try to charge a fee. It really is a tax on the kids. Unfortunately, you will have a lot of people 3 kids playing soccer, they are also playing baseball and they are playing lacrosse or football or some there sports you are going to hit these families up 3 times for these fees. So that is \$15, \$45, \$90 and \$135 that you are going to charge these families. The other problem with these fees as

they are spelled out is that they are not fair. If I get charged \$15 how do you take into account the quality of the fields in the Town. If someone is playing on what we call the playground field versus playing at the BHS there is a huge difference in quality there and you are charging the people the same amount. When you also talk about usage, even though the leagues you say per person our Recreation leagues practice one night a week and one game and the amount of time they are on the field is a lot less than other leagues. So even though we have the largest league we are not using the fields as much as other people. There are also some other inequities there, you also have to look at private fields, school fields, if leagues were using the school fields, how can the Town charge for a league that is using the school field. I think a lot more consideration has to be put into this before a decision is made on this.

Chairman Foote asked is there anyone else.

Councilor Scanlon said I think we should move this to our next agenda obviously having only 3 of us here tonight, I would like to get a full board before we move forward or discuss this. It is good to get the input as people came out tonight, but I would like to see more board support than just the three of us.

Chairman Foote said this will go before MOLD so it is not something just thought about by us. It would you guys in the trenches doing the work. We will revisit it.

Councilor Scanlon said now we have time if it was something that we wanted to institute it would probably be January of 2010. We can work through those issues, but good points tonight it is stuff to think about.

Chairman Foote said Mr. Godecke asked would this apply to ski also? Could be, we don't know yet we have to discuss and we will table this to the February meeting.

NEW BUSINESS – Discussion with Cross Country Ski Club & Residents

Chairman Foote said Cross Country Ski we received three complaints from residents about different aspects of the ski program and access to the ski trails. I have invited some of those people and the Ski group to come and chat about it. What I find kind of funny about the operation out there is there is very little signage, so no one knows who is responsible for what. As far as the P&R Commission goes we have a list of trails and Bedford CC is showing as the maintainer of the trail. Rather than dump everything on them to do all of the work we would like to have a little discussion about where P&R comes in with regards to the ski trails. If someone wants to make comments about the complaints or about the program, I think the board itself is pretty knowledgeable about what Ski club does out there. I had the great pleasure of hiking a good portion of the trail on Sat and that is a great facility and I want to applaud the Ski Group. If you saw the complaints it is basically how the ski people interact with the people hiking on the trail. I am not sure how much more I can add, but just from the P&R standpoint, the trail does belong to Bedford and it is fine that they maintain the trails by Bedford Ski, but we have to also allow a certain amount of access. I know that the Ski guys said they are happy to

work with people who walk along the trail. I saw a bunch of people skiing and I saw a bunch of people walking with pets and it everyone seemed to get along find. It was a great afternoon. Again if there are any comments from the public as far as complaints or the ski group itself we would love to hear from you.

Alan Godecke (16 Grey Rock Rd) I think a lot of the misunderstanding comes from the fact of where those ski trails came from in the beginning. The ski club when it was formed approached the P&R Commission and this was when they had just cleared the land for Legacy Park for the soccer field and there were stumps all over the place. I had hiked the land and saw potential for ski trails. The ski program in Manchester which included West at the time was in need of a permanent place to practice. We were at practiced at McIntyre and Derryfield and there was no good place and there were all kinds of problems transportation wise. We approached the P&R Commission and got permission to built ski trails, there were no trails there. There might have been a space between trees here and there that we took advantage of, but there were no trails at all. I say that because my wife approached one person to tell them they were hiking without snow shoes or skis and she said did you know that these trails are for skiing and snow shoeing. You do not own the trails they were here long before you were here and the guy was not nice and blew her off. The fact of the matter is that those trails were not there and we built them and we have let everybody in Town use them. Dogs can even use them, but not in the middle of ski season. We have watched them let their dogs use the trails for toilets and they don't even kick the feces into the woods. They are suppose to have bags, well some do and then they leave the bags on the side of the trail and we have to clean that up too. If they would just kick it in that wouldn't be bad. If a dog urinates on the trail well we cannot do anything about that. It is also the punching of the holes in the trails. When the snow softens and then it re-freezes if you have holes in there it makes ruts and then the kids have a dangerous situation when they are skiing and this is not fair to the kids. We have a program out there it is made for skiing and you have 3 complaints, I was thinking of drafting up a petition and I can get 300 people to sign it saying they do not want to see any dogs or people walking on the trail and I know I can get the signatures like nothing, but is that how we fight this, not really, I do not want to fight. I do not see why the person or persons who are complaining cannot yield a little bit of time, 3 months of the year for us to use the trails that we built. It seems very selfish to me for these people. One thing when we approach people to tell them, and you said one of them said that I yelled at him. Chairman Foote said I do not know if it was you, but that was a complaint that said someone did.

Mr. Godecke said we go up and say excuse me sir or madame and tell them do you know these trails are for skiing or snowshoeing and that is only what is allowed on the trails. Often we get a very nice response I will walk on the side or I didn't know, but you will get some and you want to watch that you might have to duck. We are saying it as nice as we can to inform them, but there are no signs and what authority do I have. I do not have any authority because you haven't given us any authority. You have let us build the trails and you let us maintain them. It cost us about \$2,000 a year just to groom the trails and that his just the beginning. We have a whole presentation if you would like it on where the money came from and what has been invested it is well over \$300,000. If people

want to walk their dogs, why don't they walk in the woods, why do they have to walk on the trails. Because it is Town land did they get the right to walk on our trails, I do not know where that comes from?

Chairman Foote said more of the problem is that they are our trails in the sense they are the whole Towns, not just the Cross country ski and it is more a question of everyone having to accommodate everyone else. We had a similar situation at the Benedictine Park last year where people let their dogs run three quarters of the year and assume they can let them run the last quarter of the year when there are kids trying to slide down the hill. At some point competing needs have to accommodate each other. I am not saying you have to accommodate walkers, or walkers have to accommodate ski, but we have to work together with an understanding that more than a few people use this thing and there is an active group that comes out in the winter time. In the summer time and the fall and spring it is a passive resource.

Mr. Godecke said we do not use the soccer fields in the summer. Chairman Foote said you can get in line. Mr. Godecke said there is only one ski season and it is only a short season. Chairman Foote said okay and we have to accommodate, that is why we need to work on more signage. We need to understand each other a little more, not just you and me, but you me and the more passive users.

Mr. Godecke said the other problem is the fact that the P&R really has no winter rules and everything is for the summer sports. Chairman Foote said that is why we would like to talk about it.

Mr. Godecke said it is by default that we made winter rules because we needed to have a program. The club basically schedules when the races are and we work with the high schools that use the facility. This facility really is a Southern NH facility not just a Bedford. We have the three Manchester Schools, Bedford, Merrimack, Souhegan and Derryfield, this is the home area and then we have racers that come in from Concord, Keene, Conval and we get invitations to other schools from Bow and Lebanon. We may get people from any place in the State. On the race we had December 27 we had skiers from Bethel Maine and VT. People hear about our trails and we have worked very hard to make them that way.

Chairman Foote said it is a fine facility.

Councilor Scanlon said not to take away from what you have done, building those trails thought Mr. Godecke doesn't necessarily mean you own them. They are still owned by the Town of Bedford, the land is owned by the Town of Bedford and one of the things you said that concerns me is that you said you approach people and tell them only snow shoeing and skiing is allowed who created that rule?

Mr. Godecke said there use to be a sign up there that the Town put up, which said trails are for winter use skis and snowshoes. Councilor Scanlon said that could have been. Mr. Godecke said I have seen it, Peter's seen it, Richie has seen it. Councilor Scanlon said I

am not denying it was there, let me finish, but I do believe that is something that we have to readdress because my biggest concern is you mention soccer field and baseball field, anyone in the Town of Bedford can utilize those facilities. Mr. Godecke replied anyone can ski on the trails sir.

Councilor Scanlon said anyone can utilize any recreation facility in this Town when the leagues do not have it scheduled for a game or practice. If you say we are going to hold meets on these dates and times and we need these facilities for our people, then that is fine, I have no problem with that. That is a meet and there are a number of people using it, but on a days or times that you are not using it I personally could not support telling people that they cannot utilize Town property. Mr. Godecke said you do not understand we never say that they cannot use it, we just ask them to get skis or snowshoes.

Councilor Scanlon said that would be like me having to tell people if you want to use the soccer field, you have to have soccer cleats on it. If they say I don't want to wear soccer cleats, I enjoy playing with my sneakers. If someone wants to go hiking, again with all do respect to what you do, we can sign it and ask them not to destroy or stay off your trails or not to disturb your grooming, I think those are all fair things to talk about. I am telling you I am having a very difficult time telling the taxpayers of this community that bought that and paid for it that they are not allowed to use it 3-4 months out of the year. I just do. We give you guys a lot autonomy up there, you are the only league in Town that collects fees and keeps those fees and puts it back into the grooming. That would be like letting someone use the soccer field and let them collect the fee for that and get to keep the money we do not. Ask baseball and everyone else, we do not allow that, but we have made an exception for you because you guys have always been very good about doing your thing up there and not necessarily coming and asking for money, so we have allowed you to use it. I think as the Chairman said there has got to be a way that we can all be up there. There is plenty of space for all of us. Unfortunately sometimes we are the victims of our own success. If you build something nice, people want to use it and it is just the way it goes and we have to figure out a way that you can use it and you can get your full enjoyment out of it and allow other people living in that area that want to use it for walking their dogs or walking in the woods can have that ability as well.

Mr. Godecke said this is not a unique situation having a more or less municipal ski area. If you go over to McIntyre ski area you are not allowed to walk on those slopes even when they are closed. You are not even allowed to ski there when they are closed.

Councilor Scanlon said McIntyre is a little different than what you are doing. Mr. Godecke said right. Councilor Scanlon said why, because you have to pay to use McIntyre, it is run as a profit business entity. Mr. Godecke said but it is Town property. Councilor Scanlon said so is Derryfield Country Club and I cannot just go and walk on there and start playing golf without paying. Mr. Godecke said that is what I am saying. You can make rules and use the Commission. Councilor Scanlon asked, are you saying you want us to take over that facility and start charging people to use it? Mr. Godecke said I thought about that, but I do not want to do that, I do not want to make a business out of it. Councilor Scanlon said trust me if we take it over it will be our business and

you do not want that. Trust me, I do not think you want that. Mr. Godecke said the Town took over McIntyre in Manchester and they are losing money. Councilor Scanlon said this is not Manchester. Mr. Godecke said they are losing money on it. Councilor Scanlon said that is why we do not want to take over it. Mr. Godecke said I know that, but we are providing this for the Town at no cost to the Town all of the Towns people can use those trails, we just ask that they use it responsibly with skis and snowshoes. I am sorry, I do not agree that people have the right to walk on those trails.

Councilor Scanlon said I think it is something that has to be discussed. I do not think it is a rule that you should just impose. I think this is something that should be discussed and we should get public input on that and see what people have to say about that.

Mr. Godecke said the Jackson Ski Foundation which goes to all lands in Jackson New Hampshire, they do not allow people to walk on the trails. You can make those kinds of rules and we need to.

Chairman Foote said we can, but I am pretty sure that we wouldn't it. Then we would be cutting off passive use of that land what it was purchased for by the Town way back.

Mr. Godecke said passive use if you are skiing on it that is passive use, what are you talking about. If you are hiking on it with snowshoe that is passive use, we are not trying to keep people off it. We would like to have people get on it, but we do not want them to walk on them without snowshoes and skis.

Chairman Foote said unfortunately it is not your wishes that are being cared for here it is the who Town, not just the ski operation. We love the facility, we love what you have done with it, but we have to make it accommodating for everybody not just for skiing and snowshoe.

Mr. Godecke said you do not have to make accommodations for everybody for that particular facility. They can go walk up at Joppa Hill, they can walk at Benedictine.

Chairman Foote said we are not excluding anybody.

Ms. Casale said then you are opening a can of worms. We went through that same thing with Benedictine and sledding. You can tell people to sled some where else, well no they want to sled there and the dogs want to be there. We had the same problems, two different entities wanting to use the same public space. They made some compromises and we put some signage up and so far we have not heard anything, but this is public property.

Chairman Foote said that accommodations have worked well and we would like to look for some similar accommodation with the ski operation. They should be respectful of your ability to use it as a ski operation, but it does not mean that they cannot be there or they have to be forced to wear snowshoes or skis. Especially if they are careful and

considerate and walk on the edges as you would wish, that is not too much to ask, but to preclude them is too much to ask.

Ms. Casale asked does it happen frequently or an occasional occurrence where there is a walker in the middle of the path? Mr. Godecke said it does and most of the time it is not a problem, but when they walk on it when we had those 40 degree days, then they destroy the whole trail. Then all the effort we put in is gone. The worst thing is if someone hits one of those ruts and that ice that they caused if they want to sue and you know people can sue for anything. We were told you have to have insurance, but they are not going to go for us they are going to go for you guys. You can keep them off for safety reason alone.

Councilor Scanlon said one of the problems I have with it, I think what you are asking would be impossible for us to enforce. We can make that rule, and people are going to do it, which is part of the consideration, can we really ask people or is it realistic to ask people not to do something that they are going to do. I cannot have you out their screaming at people in the woods. I personally have gotten complaints that people have gotten screamed at.

Mr. Godecke said screamed at. Councilor Scanlon said we had you hear a couple of years ago and we had the same discussion. I have had people call me and say it is not right, I should be able to walk on Town property without someone screaming in my face that I shouldn't be there.

Mr. Godecke said I did screamed once after is after the guy just about chewed my head off and I responded unkind, but that is the only time.

Councilor Scanlon said you do not want to be out there ruffling peoples feathers. Mr. Godecke said I do not want to go out and inform them.

Chairman Foote said part of the issue is the complete lack of signage out there. It is not your authority to put up signs, it has to come from P&R and that is what I hope to accomplish tonight and we can come up with some sort of standard sign that would be basing information at the entry points. At the Warming Hut, Chesterfield and Chubbuck where people can get in and use the facility. So everyone knows what is going on. They have to pick up after your pets. If you are walking please hike to the side. Snowshoes and skis preferred. I talked to one woman who said there was a hunter walking through when she was out walking her dog. I do not believe there is any hunting allowed. Do we have to put up warnings that there cannot be camp fires. Some of this needs to be well defined going in and right now there is no definition except the Ski group signs that you guys post up. I am hoping that is something we can resolve to night and move on.

Mr. Godecke asked do you have other questions for me? Chairman Foote said we can keep the conversation going if there are other comments that want to be made. I know Scott raised his hand. I know someone else had a hand up in the back.

Bill Horne (142 Campbell Rd) said I would like to thank Mr. Foote for calling me and asking me to come and speak this evening. I have been chosen as the impromptu speaker for several people here. I will try to be brief, however unfortunately this is not a brief sort of situation. I have been walking in the wood several years and there is a lot of misinformation out. I think the basic question is who is in charge, what are the responsibilities and who makes the decisions to do such things. For example, no one questions the efforts of the ski team or the trail maintenance. If there is a dead tree that falls they go in and take it out and they do a great job, but I also think that there is no oversight. A couple summers ago there was an excavator hired out of Meredith. A excavator was brought in to the woods and it tore up boulders and it tore up trees and it widened the path and I am not by any means an expert in erosion, but it seems to me that the erosion issue has gotten worse in the last couple of years with the flooding and the run off and what not because these trails have gone from a small hiking trail to a very wide avenue to have water go down the trails. After the spring floods the trails would go untouched for months, very rough dangerous surface. This past fall a dozen of trees were cut down and whether they were alive and to be honest with you none really posed danger to the hikers. So I think our question is who decides that, who goes in and does the major cutting. This is not minor excavation just moving a small boulder or small stump. This is major excavation widening the trails over a 2 week period. If you want to talk about people being approached and asked not to be in there, I would tend to disagree with the methods that the hikers and dog walkers are approached, it was not excuse me, do you know you are not suppose to be in there. It is on the verge of verbal abuse and threats. I know at least 3 people that refuse to walk in the park that are Bedford residents because of the abuse they have received and it is not do you know that you are not suppose to be in there, it is get off the trails, this is closed to hikers in the winter. If you do not have skis or snow shoes get out. Several incidences of that. There was an incident of a hiker and I do not know who it was, but they were on a power vehicle that drove right up to them, stopped short of them and yelled at them. There is yelling. It is not asking. To be honest with you, I have heard of a couple of people who have threatening the cross country skiers. I am not saying it is not on both sides, but I think it gotten to a point where something has to be done. There are some bad apples on one side and some bad apples on the other. I as a hiker and dog walker pick up after my dogs, but I am not going to speak for everyone. I will come across a pile and I will pick it up, but there are some irresponsible dog walkers. A majority of the ski team's members come up and say hi how are you doing. I tell people lets try to stay off to the side. There can be some sort of medium and common ground that we have here, but unfortunately it is escalating and I do not want it to get to a point where you do not want to go there. It is an absolutely beautiful park. Really, I do not know if a whole lot of people know about it. A lot of people in Bedford do not know about it, but I have been in there 300 days a year at different points of the day and very rarely do you have a lot of people in there. It is a beautiful park, but we need some direction. Signs get put up and just recently a sign was put up that said you cannot be in here if you do not have ski or shoes only. It is maintained by the ski club and we pay dues to maintain the trails. No one questions that, but the gentleman before me you kind of get the idea of what many people are getting when words like, we let them use it, we did and it is ours, which is not it. We are all Bedford residents and we all should have use of that park. I think we need to find some

common ground. Councilor Scanlon mentioned if there is a race, I said that dozens of times. If there is a race, post it. I know they prep the courses and put out tapes etc, but put a sign up on these weekend we are going to have a race please refrain from coming into the woods. I would not have a problem with that. As long as we know, but to know that you are not supposed to be in there by someone coming up and yelling at you, is not the way to go about it. We are civilized and we need to work together on this. To be quite honest unless the Town tells us we cannot be in there without skis and snowshoes, people are going to be in there and there is nothing anyone can do about it. So we either have to accept that or change it. Thank you.

Peter Godecke (99 Liberty Hill Rd) if people walk to the side it is not really a big deal. The only really issue is we had a race and there was a dog and the dog was chasing the skiers on the race. That was a little dicey and some kid was having a good race and it is competition and so that was unfortunate. If anyone knows my father, sometimes he comes across as passionate, but he does not mean anything by it. It is a matter of a couple of months if we can get people to walk on the side. When I talk I never ask them to leave the trails, but I have asked if they could walk to the side. A few years ago we had a State race we have classical skiing and skating which is like ice skating and in order to do a classical race we have to do tracks and when you have a State race we set it at night and hopefully no one will walk on it, so that if you walk on the fresh tracks or when it is hard it wrecks the grooves. If you set the tracks at night by morning the tracks are hard so when 100 skiers go through they hold up. Kind of like a snow bank when you turn it once it gets like cement. So what happened was the tracks were messed up. The morning the tracks were in tough shape there are situations where it is difficult. When you have 3 inches of wet snow and it is still wet out it goes down to nothing and when it flattens out and the leaves show and once the sun comes out it makes a footprint. When we have lack of snow, we actually shovel snow and fill sleds with snow and dump them on the area. To make the tracks beautiful you need a lot of snow and to get the course ready to be ski able. We do not always have good snow. The snow now is beautiful it is still cold and frankly walking on it it will not do much damage, but it is the transitional periods where it makes it difficult. We have had 2 inches and we have prepare the trails to be as smooth as possible in the fall and you pack them out and you get one warm day and people walking on it then we have to use the fields. There are situations where it can be frustrating in order to have a good ski program. That is sort of is kind of the situation.

Scott Klose (4 Servant St) I do not know any of the issue going on and I do not use the ski park and if I did I would get arrested because I am a snowmobiler. From what I am hearing and what this gentleman is saying, I am a taxpayer in this Town and I do not think anyone has the right to tell me stay off any property in this Town unless of course there is a specific reason. Granted that there should be some courtesy of not walking on dead center of the trail. I think of my snowmobiling, I pay a lot of money for my snowmobiles. Snowmobile clubs groom the trails and snowmobile clubs cut trees and do all the maintenance to the trails, but as a snowmobiler I have to yield to the walkers, to the dog sledders and to whoever is using that and other snowmobiles of course, but I have to yield to the pedestrian and I cannot say, I pay for these trails to be maintained get off of them and that is kind of the argument that I am hearing here. There has to be common

ground, like strip with food coloring and leave one side of the trail for walking something like that.

Shelia Dempsey (24 Chesterfield Place) I have a couple of things, I was not intending to speak about tonight, but needed to bring up. First of all we have lived in Bedford for 11 yrs now and for 11 yrs we have walking those trails there were trails back there. They were walking trails. They were trails where 2 people could walk side by side very comfortably through the woods. They are now trails where snowmobiles and trucks can be driven through them they have tripled in size. There are ATVs going back there, there are snowmobiles back there and I am the person who ran into the hunter as well as the black bear. It is an issue to me how far they have been widened and the erosion issue is a problem. My son who is now 16 years old who at the time was 12 years old was walking our dog afterschool one day and he actually had hands put on him and was told get off the trail you are breaking the law and was pushed off the trail. He came back so shaken. I said the next time that happens you call the police first and then me second and I will meet you out there and that should not be happening. I do have to take great exception to this courtesy, although Pete I have met him out there many many times and who is always very polite. We as walkers and there is a group of us here today that walk everyday, I am out there 2 times a day for an hour in the morning and a good 45 minutes in the afternoon and we have met many skiers and snowshoers who are lovely and polite and many of them have their dogs with them or young kids. Some mothers are pulling babies in carriers that I did not know existed. It is a beautiful area and everybody can use it. If we are treated with respect then I think there would be a whole lot more respect for the people who want to use the trails for skiing. Myself and the whole group back there, we will walk to the side, we do everyday. There are times when you have to cross over and you have to hop over the tracks and we do try to hop over those and we do try to pick up but there has to be some cooperation. The other item I want to address when the ski trails are trying to be maintained there is a lot of trash. We have had carpets, boards with nails in them that are left sticking out of the snow. There was large metal thing, used for the bridges and they left it in the retention pond for years. Chairman Foote said that was in 2006 I have the letter.

Ms. Dempsey said if there is a meet post it and we will stay off the trails. I do not have a problem with that at all, but don't accost my child, do not verbally accost my husband and myself. This is Town land. The other thing is the ski team does bring snowmobiles out there which are not allowed to groom the trails, but I understand that, but they are also bringing in out of town residents who are not paying taxes to be out there. We are paying or taxes to be out there. Sure bring them in. It is a great Town and we have a beautiful area and we should all be able to use it, but don't make me feel threatened when I go out there to use it.

Mr. Klose (4 Servant St) I have lived in Town most of my life, some of the debris might not be theirs because when I was 8-9 years of age we were riding snowmobiles out there and I lived on McAllister Rd and we would go up to Joppa Hill and there were bridges and old pallets that were probably left behind from the Snow Owl Snowmobile Club.

Mr. Godecke said you can only do so much in the time that you are there. Mr. Klose said I am not trying to point a finger at anybody there but there have been a lot of trails back there for a lot of years. It was a shame to see the school go in because it took out most of the trails.

Councilor Scanlon said can I ask Jane, do we know about the improvements like when they are cutting down trees and bringing in excavators, did they clear that with you guys? Ms. O'Brien said no.

Chairman Foote said that was back in 2006. Councilor Scanlon said, but they also had trees removed this last summer I heard. Ms. Casale asked, who did that? Councilor Scanlon said was that the Ski Club.

Mr. Godecke said twice we have had an excavator on Powder Hill.

Councilor Scanlon asked, have you ever cleared that through? Mr. Godecke said yes every time we have had an excavator I have checked with Parks & Recreation and informed them and told them what we were doing and I thought I had permission? Chairman Foote asked Alan when was the last time you had an excavator up there? Mr. Godecke said 2 years ago in 2006 that was the letter that I have that Keith Hickey, Former Town Manager had a letter to them stating they could not cut trees without permission. So there is a certain amount of restriction on what you can and cannot do.

Councilor Scanlon said my biggest concern and the reason why I said this is because there may be erosion issues that has to be addressed and that should go through our Planning Department and could potentially go in front of the Planning Board when you do some of these improvements. I do not know what brings it to that level, I do not think cutting a few trees would, but having an excavator out there moving dirt.

Mr. Godecke said it is complicated like the carpet. The carpet originally was put over some rocks so it wouldn't damage the skis because we did not have time to remove the rocks. We go up there and move the rocks. We have had excavators twice. I have a very small backhoe tractor, home owner type one that I use to remove rocks also. These are small. We try.

Councilor Scanlon said I am not arguing that it is necessary, but I am saying these are rules that we follow as a community and part of the rules the Town holds itself to the same standards that we hold private developers to. So a private developer needs to go to the Planning Bd or the Planning Dept to let them know what they are doing we expect ourselves to do the same thing. Unless you are notifying us that this work is being done we cannot be sure that those are the kind of things that are happening and the right procedure is being followed. There are State Laws that govern some of these things and abutters might have to be notified before you go out there and move large pieces. Ms. Casale asked what about the wetlands? Councilor Scanlon said yes you are in the wetlands and I know there are wetlands up in that area and you cannot just drive an excavator through a wetland whether you want to do it for the sake of skiing or not.

There are rules that have to be followed. At the minimum if we get the minimum tonight, which I think we need to go further, we need an agreement from you guys that before you go out and do work that you notify someone in Town and say this is what we are planning on doing. This is the scope of the work.

Mr. Godecke said we have done that. Whenever we have had an excavator we have notified the Town.

Councilor Scanlon said if you start cutting down trees on Town property you should probably let the Town know that too. I don't think people should be out cutting down trees on Town property. The trees belong to the Town. They belong to the residents of the community. I don't think you want your neighbor walking on your yard saying this tree is in the way of me getting my sunlight and having them whack the tree off your property.

Mr. Godecke said we are trying to accommodate a lot of uses and people here. For our high school program the recommended width of the trail is 20 ft. Councilor Scanlon said I am not disagreeing with anything, but I am saying there are proper ways to do it and the proper way to do it is not just to go out on a weekend with an excavator and do what you think needs to be done without letting anyone know or to make sure you have the right approvals.

Mr. Godecke said we always advertise our trail clean up days. Do you mean we have to go to the Planning Bd if we want to do work. Councilor Scanlon said I did not say i.e. necessarily would have to, I am saying I do not know, it depends on the amount of work you want to do, but there are certain rules that have to be followed and we hold ourselves to the same standards that we hold everyone to.

Mr. Peter Godecke said our trail work days are more of people with hoes and rakes. Councilor Scanlon said if you are out there cutting down a dead tree I do not think anyone here is questioning that or your need to do that. If you are widening the trail from 6 ft to 20 ft, I think that is something we should talk about. If there are erosion issues. These are things that should be discussed.

Mr. Godecke said with the erosion issues we had some real serious flooding problems and we have tried to address this. We have put in culverts and we have done different things. Councilor Scanlon asked did you get permission? Mr. Godecke said some of the culverts have been supplied by the Town. They came through the Parks & Recreation.

Councilor Scanlon said we should have this as a true agenda item and talk about this. I think we need to come to an agreement. Especially, I do not want to take away anything you do a great job. I do not want you not to do it and I think everyone here is willing to accommodate you guys, but at the same time, we have a responsibility. This property belongs to the Town. We do not let the soccer league, baseball or lacrosse or tennis club make major renovations to our facilities without talking to us. We would like to be included in those decisions.

Mr. Godecke said we do not do that. We have always talked to the Town. Councilor Scanlon said I am getting different signals from Jane then I am getting from you. Am I going to believe you over Jane or Jane over you. Jane has never lied to me, I do not know that you have ever lied to me, I do not know who to believe. Maybe now is the time to have the discussion to make sure we sit down and establish this is what your responsibilities are, this is what you can and cannot do. If you want to do anything other than this then you have to come see us. I guess that is my feeling.

Chairman Foote said Alan this is all part of reaching the accommodation some of this stuff has to come out. Apparently for years you guys have had a lot of autonomy as Councilor Scanlon said. We are not trying to take it away we want to know how things are being accomplished, not trying to stop you or slow you down or be a pain in the neck, this stuff just has to be answered and I am not sure it has been. The letters I have seem to start in 2006 and I do not know if this stuff went to the previous chairs and just didn't make it out to the general board, but Michelle and I have been sitting here since 2006 and this is all news to me.

Mr. Godecke said so much of the permission originally to build the trails. The rule was a tree over 8 inches they wanted to review it if we cut a tree over 8 inches. We did walk through with Brian at the time and we would say this tree we want to remove because there might be space there, but it caused such a sharp turn that you cannot get the groomer by it. Things like that and that is why we do what we do.

Chairman Foote said I think at this point we want to get a little more active involvement then we had been in the last couple of years. Mr. Godecke said we would welcome that. Chairman Foote said that is what we are looking to shoot for.

Roxie Nixon (15 Cherry Lane) I have lived here for 18 mths and I walk on the trails 5-6 days a week and in the 18 mths that I have lived here the trails have been widened. I have noticed that change and there have been trees cut down and there are piles of logs on the side of the trails. I have been approached in a not so friendly way 3 or 4 times while being on the trails and the cross country skiers are often very nice. I would have to say 9 out of 10 skiers that I come across are accompanied by a dog as well, so it is not just the dog walkers bring dogs into the trails. There are definitely skiers as well bringing in dogs. Obviously their footprints can be anywhere so it is not just the hikers leaving footmarks behind. Thank you.

Scott Klose (4 Servant St) I have a question the Warming Hut they got okayed to get their kitchen to serve warm beverages, who pays the electricity in that building? I know when I play softball at night, I pay for my electricity that I use on the lights at Chubbuck. Councilor Scanlon said you do not pay for those lights? Mr. Klose said I do, I pay \$25 a night every time I play softball. Councilor Scanlon said you do that as a donation, not because you are told to. Mr. Klose under Brian Ross, he told me when the lights came on it was going to be \$25.

Councilor Scanlon said we charge out of town groups if they use the lights, but if you are a Town league you should not have to pay.

Mr. Klose said for the last four years I have paid for every time I have turned those lights on. Councilor Scanlon said well thank you.

Chairman Foote asked do we bill you? Mr. Klose said no I keep track of every time we play and I give Jane a check.

Councilor Scanlon said we should talk about this, because there is a set fee for outside organization using the field. Ms. O'Brien said it has always been a donation from the league. Councilor Scanlon said I understand that, but if it is a donation and you want to continue again thank you very much. I think we have to make sure you understand that you are not required to pay that. I do not believe under our guidelines.

Mr. Klose said it was an arrangement with Brian Ross when the field was first put in and we were dying to use the field because at that time we were playing twice a week and each team played at 6 and then 8 p.m. and he said there was going to be a fee to use the lights and for us to use the lights we had no choice but to pay the fee. Councilor Scanlon said well, Brian is not here any more so. I am not sure why it was done.

Mr. Klose said we have paid it and we have always paid it and like I said without question because we want to use the field. Councilor Scanlon said we should talk about that. As far as I know our Guidelines do not require you to pay. Mr. Klose said and that goes above and beyond all the man hours I put into the field to get the infield ready for games and whatever else I do up there on my own time and we do give a donation above and beyond all of that for the Town allowing us to use the field. Councilor Scanlon said thank you for that too. Mr. Klose said part of our League fee goes to the donation.

Councilor Scanlon asked Jane is there anybody else? Ms. O'Brien said yes the adult Men's league. I just take the check, I am just the middle person. Chairman Foote said thank you Jane. Councilor Scanlon said those checks are made out to the Town. I think it is great especially the adult leagues, I think like Men's Basketball they want to give something back to the community and I think that is great that they do that and encourage them to do that. I do not think it is fair for them to do it because they have to in order to use that field. I do not think that is the current policy that we have in place.

Chairman Foote said we will review it for the next MOLD Mtg we will mention it to Sue. Chairman Foote asked any more discussion. I guess what I would like to do is have a small get together with the Ski guys and some of the abutters or users of the trail and we can chat after the meeting. It will not take more than a few minutes. No fights, no arguments, we will just chat about what we want to do and where we want to wind up. I am interested in putting signage up there, I know the entry on Chesterfield is pretty poor you jump over the guardrail and go down the hill. I am thinking we put a sign put up there with a trash barrel and another sign by the Warming Hut with an obvious trash

barrel and one by Chubbuck because there is an exit up there also. So there is a means for everyone to get on the same page. Any more comments.

Councilor Scanlon said I would like to see a memo of understanding between the Ski Club and Town and the relationship between the two so there is no more confusion. Chairman Foote said that is something we can do amongst ourselves. I will be in touch with you guys.

Councilor Scanlon asked is there anyone here from softball? I think they said they wanted to come just to clarify a few things. Ed and I had spoken on the phone, but I wanted to make sure we had a better understanding as there is a new direction I guess with softball league and we were working under the old direction that we heard in September. I wanted to make sure we heard it from these guys where they are progressing.

Ed Eldridge (81 Jenkins Rd) the issue surrounds the potential lighting of Selvoski Field which has been a subject on and off for quite some time. The most recent comments relative to that came out in a September meeting of this board and at that point the impression was lights were not necessary at Selvoski. I basically would like to go on record from the standpoint of the BGSJ at this point, lights would be a benefit to the program. At the point in time when those comments were made we were entering our first fall season and we found although ample time for games on weekends, practice during the week were impossible due to daylight restriction. For us to expand the fall program which was well received by our membership would be extremely challenging without a plan for lights at some point in the not to distant future on that field. In addition to that the spring season and the potential summer season for tournaments, certainly could be expanded for an hour or 90 minutes per night for practices for the older girls and certainly the potential fun of a game under the lights. The basic premise of the stance that we have now as we look at the growth of the league over the last 2-3 years and trying to project into the future some things we can do for the kids from the standpoint of just improving the potential game experience, practice experience that they have and also expanding the capacity specific to the fall league that we are in the process of trying to grow.

Jay Brewster (15 Ledgewood Rd) I am part of the Bedford Hornets and we are basically and ASA, NSA and pony league and to try to clarify what that means. Our players try out for our teams we have a 10 U, 12 U, 14 U team and two 16 U and one 18 U team. To date we basically spin off from the Bedford Girls Softball League, and I am a founder of the Girls Leagues. If you go back to 2004 and before that we were part of Bedford Little League. If you look at us State wide movement over the last 4-5 years, softball has left Little League and gone on to Babe Ruth Softball and we were one of the first Towns to do that. There was a very small Babe Ruth League in NH and we joined it back in 2004 and since then a lot of the teams that we played and all the championships that we had for Bedford Little League have moved over to Babe Ruth Softball. The reason we moved to Babe Ruth Softball in 2004 was because our girls could not play in that ASA, NAS or pony leagues. Little League prohibited them for doing that, so that is why we switched to

Babe Ruth because they allowed them to do that. Again our girls play primarily in tournaments that are held outside of town. The only field usage that we use is for practices. We do not practice during school season because NHIAA rules prohibit us from having the teams together. It is like AAU basketball so during the season we cannot do anything. Typically we start practice when school gets out and we avoid conflicts with BHS and Lurgio using the field. Our younger groups do tend to want to try to get some practices in and we have worked with BGSJ through the years and take what is left over. As far as the lights go, I know where the comment came from, I do not know why it was said. I have been involved with softball in Bedford for 14 yrs and for the past 10 years we have had some competitive softball we have always wanted lights. Originally we were told and I do not know who told us this, but Selvoski field was off limits for lights because of the wetland area there. I think after we fixed the pool a lot of that wetland area is gone. I think we were losing about 60,000 gallons a week. That wetland area behind Selvoski is gone. At one point we borrowed lights from the Bedford Jags and we had lights there to play some of that summer ball. We were starting games at 6 p.m. at night and having double headers that lasted until 9 p.m. and we used portable lights. There has always been a desire to have lights there and I just wanted to clarify that. We are on the same page as the BGSJ and we would really like to see lights there because we have girls that are 18 years old and if we can get an extra practice in at 8 p.m. at night whenever one else is done with the field, we will take it. Thanks.

John Durkin (140 Brick Mill, also part of BGSJ) I am the Director of upper division and I have been involved with softball for 4 yrs coaching and being on the Bd, I was at the Sept meeting and I do not know if it was Sue Thomas or Paul Woodmansee made comments that more money needs to go into Selvoski Field. I would strongly disagree with that position. The field is more than adequate. I have coached Amherst, Milford and Selvoski field and Jay may speak to this even further, but Selvoski is one of the best fields. We do not need money to upgrade the field we need money for lights. I spoke to the President of the Manchester Softball League today and Manchester has 250 kids in their Recreation program and we have 225 and they have 2 lit fields in Manchester for the girls, we do not have anything in this Town. So I think it is time that we address it and I know we can talk about it at a further meeting. I will get a quote from Musco they are one of the premier lighting companies that does Little League lighting throughout Southern NH and figure out what it will cost. I also want the impression made tonight that we do not need infrastructure to that field. Some 2 x 6 can go down on the first base line where there is erosion. The field drains pretty well in general. The grass in outfield is fine, it gets wet but otherwise it is a great field.

Chairman Foote said it improved that much. I remember when my girls played and the kids had to wear swim fins and a mask because the outfield was a mess.

Mr. Brewster said we had a huge water problem, once the pool was fixed the water problem went away. I am telling you we do have some water 3rd base side beyond that side does have a little water problem that is because it comes off the hill if there was a drain there it would be fine. The only other improvements is the backstop is in rough

shape we tried to put rocks and build that up, but the top is ragged and we can use new netting and that is not cheap.

Councilor Scanlon said we have PO \$50,000 for that field for improvements. We have been hanging on that for a long time. Ms. O'Brien said that is correct. Councilor Scanlon said my comment to you guys is if you get quotes on backstop and stuff we can do these improvements and it is X number of dollars. We do not need the improvements in the outfield that we thought can we use that money for these improvements that is a reasonable request.

Mr. Brewster said we have limited the use, because we have fall practice and the BGS� is playing in the fall that field now is just softball. We do not have recreation soccer that was running in the outfield anymore that did damage. It kind of rests during the fall because we are not damaging it that much. I think football was on there this fall on Friday nights. Through the years with a lot of hard work, that infield now is 99% turf and that gets roto tilled every year with pallets over the years. It is maintained between us and the BGS� we do not use West Field a lot at the Little League complex and if you take a ride by West field in the middle of July there are weeds in the infield we tend to go to Selvoski field and one of the reasons is when West field was built it was a baseball field and used as a practice field because it faces the sun. When softball demanded a skin field we tore up the grass we put in a skin infield at West, but we could not move the sun the sun still sets.

Councilor Scanlon asked is that the one that the high school uses I do not mind asking those guys for some money for the lights. The reality is you get preference to that field the regular softball league and they cannot displace your program so in order to accommodate them. It is not a million bucks that they put in by the SAU if that is what it takes for them to have their softball program. I think it is a fair question.

Mr. Brewster said we talked about this at a MOLD Mtg, is you have a varsity, JV and Lurgio playing on two fields in Town between West and Selvoski. If you go to any other school the high schools do not share their fields with middle school.

Chairman Foote said you are talking to the wrong people. The school decided not to put a field in and now they are working with what we got. Mr. Brewster said I am looking at it from a usage standpoint. Lights will help us with more usage.

Councilor Scanlon said our agreement with the School District is at 5:30 they are off the fields and if their usage requires them to use more, that is a great reason why they would help to pay for the lights. Mr. Brewster said you are not going to have to worry about that because the high school softball game lasts about 45 minutes.

Councilor Scanlon said that is the agreement. Mr. Brewster said they start at 4 p.m. and they should be off by 5:30 p.m. There is also some common courtesy there if they are in the middle of the game.

Councilor Scanlon said certainly if they are using that field it is not unreasonable to ask them if it helps to increase the capacity to help accommodate their program. I think it is reasonable to ask.

Mr. Brewster said the other thing is that they play 9 games a year. They do practice there in the afternoon. Councilor Scanlon said, but it is 27 games when you have three teams. Mr. Brewster said yes with Lurgio, but I do not think they play that many.

Chairman Foote asked is there any new business. Seeing none. Approval of minutes.

Approval of Minutes – December 9, 2008

**MOTION made by Ms. Casale to approve the December 9, 2008 minutes.
Seconded by Councilor Scanlon. Vote taken – all in favor. 3-0.**

Chairman Foote said time and location next meeting, Tuesday, February 10, 2009.

Meeting adjourned 8:11 p.m.

Submitted by Jane O'Brien
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