

Minutes of the Cold Spring Recreation Commission held on Wednesday, January 25, 2012.

Members PRESENT: Bruce Campbell, as temporary Chair, Curt Landtroop, Terri Barr, Matthew Beachak, Michael Cheffalo and Gloria M. McVey.

Members Absent: none

The meeting began at 6:30 p.m. with approval of the minutes of the October 26, 2011 meeting with no changes.

Bruce led off a discussion, focusing on the upcoming schedule of issues impacting the Village of Cold Spring government. He detailed that after the local elections, there will be a reorganizational meeting in April at which time the appointments for the Planning Board, Zoning Board and the Rec Commission will be reviewed. With respect to the Rec Commission, Bruce detailed the tenure of the current members with Curt Landtroop's term expiring this year, Michael Cheffalo in 2013, Gloria McVey in 2014, Terri Barr in 2015 and Matthew Beachak in 2016.

Bruce mentioned that a meeting would be held regarding the Field Study at Mayor's Park on January 31st and we would discuss this further at our next meeting.

Regarding maintenance, True Green (a landscaping service we have used in the past) has sent us some information on their services however, Flagler Landscaping is currently our contractor for this year.

Bicentennial Celebration

Donald McDonald, the Town of Philipstown's and Village historian, presented on plans for the bicentennial celebration for Putnam County's 200th birthday which will occur in June of this year.

Each town historian was asked to present plans for how their towns would commemorate the anniversary and Mr. McDonald is chairing a committee representing Philipstown in this effort. Mr. McDonald put forth several proposed activities for discussion, including choral groups to be posted along Main Street from the intersection at 9D down to the Depot Restaurant to support a celebration between the hours of 12 and 6 p.m. The need for the access to electricity was also discussed. Responding to a question from Mr. McDonald, Bruce explained that this meeting was the proper forum to consider his request as this committee handles Main Street requests for various functions such as parades and antique fares.

With respect to the provision of electricity, we will need to know the specifics and if streets need to be blocked off, then this aspect needs to be administered by the police department. It was also noted that the American Cancer's walkathon, Relay for Life, would also be held at Mayor's Park on this day.

Additionally, Mr. McDonald discussed his efforts to obtain a stagecoach from Wells Fargo Bank for the festivities. At 7 p.m. it is also planned to show the movie The Buccaneer at the library as this presentation has particular relevance in Putnam County's inception. There are also tentative plans to have storytelling and perhaps a reenactment of some sort of the war of 1812 which would take place at St. Marys lawn. At this point, the commission reviewed Mr. McDonald's application, recognizing that this is tentative and will be further developed before its approval. Mr. McDonald was invited back for the February 29th meeting to further discuss and clarify the plan.

Margaret Parr then presented, seeking our thoughts on allowing her son's baseball team to practice at Mayor's Park on the weekends from the middle of March until the end of May. The Commission was not favorably disposed to this request as it was tentative in nature and could conflict with Haldane baseball at several times during this period. Additionally, this was not Ms. Parr's location of choice as she was looking at Peekskil and other venues for this purpose.

Requests of the Recreation Commission

The following requests were considered:

Saturday, June 9, 2012 The Bicentennial celebration, requested by Donald McDonald --- approved, and submission of further details will be reviewed by this committee at its meeting on February 29th.

The annual submission of the schedule of games for the Mayor's Park ballfield received from Tom Cunningham, Haldane Athletic Director ---approved

July 21 or 22, 2012 Bruce Campbell request of Mayor's Park for class reunion 1971--73 about 50 people attending ---approved

There being no more business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

by Curt Landtroop, Secretary