

# Somers Parks & Recreation Board

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James Papa  
Chairman



## MEETING MINUTES

September 2, 2015

Chairman Papa opened the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

The members present were: Jim Boniello, Gary Friedman, Stephen Krug, Jim Papa, John Papalia, Don Penzine, Michele Sanz and Kevin Westerman.

John Zattola was absent.

Parks and Recreation Superintendent Steve Ralston, as well as Councilmen Rich Clinchy and Tom Garrity were also present.

### MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Friedman to accept the minutes of the July 22, 2015 meeting as submitted. Mr. Penzine seconded the motion. All were in favor.

### MR. RALSTON'S REPORT

There were no questions or comments about Mr. Ralston's Report.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no Public Comment.

### OLD BUSINESS

#### Van Tassell Baseball/Softball Field Updates

Chairman Papa reported that he, Councilman Clinchy, Mr. Ralston, and Mr. Westerman met with SYSO President Chris Lieberman and Board Member Greg Gates. Mr. Gates and Mr. Lieberman were a pleasure to deal with, and were eager to discuss some improvements they would like. A request was made to leave the fence on the Van Tassell field as is, rather than moving it in and research will be done on purchasing movable fences. The names of the fields be eliminated and a number system instituted so they are geared to the ages of the players rather than gender. Councilman Garrity said it is important to get this good news out to the softball players and their parents. Mr. Westerman said that there is a meeting tomorrow evening to discuss this further.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **SYSO Baseball Banner Request Discussion**

Chairman Papa received a request from SYSO President Chris Lieberman to place 42" high by 108" wide championship banners on the Pony and Jr. League outfield fences seasonally. The Board was reminded that this has been allowed in the past. Chairman Papa will advise Mr. Lieberman that this is okay with the following conditions: they must be placed on the left field outfield fence, they must be taken down after the fall season and if at any time they become torn, cracked etc., they must be removed.

### **2016 Budget Review**

All received a copy of the 2016 proposed department budget as prepared by Mr. Ralston. It was reviewed and discussed. At the request of the Supervisor, the 2016 budget should reflect a 5% decrease in contractual expenditures from 2015. Since that was a difficult task to achieve, the overall budget request was decreased by 5%.

### **Angle Fly Preserve Conservation Easement Modification**

At their work session meeting tomorrow evening, the Town Board will be discussing the Angle Fly Preserve Conservation Easement modification.

## **MR. RALSTON'S COMMENTS**

Mr. Ralston had no additional comments.

## **BOARD COMMENTS**

Mr. Friedman extended his thanks to Mr. Ralston for once again doing a great job with the budget and echoed the same to Chairman Papa.

Councilman Clinchy wanted to the Board to know that Mr. Boniello purchased an aeration system for the pond by the Reynolds House in Angle Fly Preserve. The Town is most appreciative of this generous donation. A round of applause was given.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, October 28 at 6:30 p.m. at the Recreation Center in Van Tassell Park. The final meeting for the year will be on Monday, December 7.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Schirmer, Secretary  
Parks & Recreation Board

cc: Parks & Recreation Board  
Superintendent of Parks & Recreation  
Town Board  
Town Clerk