Present: Chris Daley, Nancy Kwiatkowski, Bill Vosburgh, Rob Opalenik, and Linda Racicot
Absent: Tilo Schiffer, Nick O’Connor
Meeting was called to order by Bill at 6:20 p.m.
Wilbur Quirk attended as an observer, Bill explaining he will be sworn in as a committee member on Monday.

REVIEW MINUTES
Minutes from August 19 meeting were reviewed, Nancy made a motion to accept the minutes from the August meeting, Bill seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

OLD BUSINESS
>Rob stated, regarding renovations on the basketball court next to CHCS, West Boro quoted to recondition the court, the price would be $24,000. To build a new court with no location indicated, an estimate would be approximately $37,000. Palmer Paving will be submitting a quote soon. Rob stopped by the high school tennis courts that were being fixed by Vermont Tennis and asked them for a quote on the basketball court.
>Nancy asked if they would also be submitting a quote on the tennis courts.
>Rob said no just the basketball court.
>Rob described what quotes would be coming in to include grinding the existing court, adding a 2” membrane and then a 1” coating versus creating a new court.
>Nancy asked whatever the decision is, could we put in a grant.
>Rob said yes.
>Nancy stated that we would be more apt to receive a grant to fix the courts then replace.
>Bill asked if it is worth the cost to create a new court.
>Rob stated he didn’t think so. He felt that the court is mostly utilized in the summer when college kids return from school so in his opinion it wasn’t worth the cost to create a new court.
>Rob asked the committee to make a decision at the next meeting whether to repair the existing court or create a new court.
>Nancy felt we need to take care of what we already have adding new.
>Chris, Bill and Wilbur agreed.

NEW BUSINESS
>Bill stated he received an email from Nick O’Connor which mentioned Cold Spring Soccer, Little League and the Skate Park. Nick invited Steve Corbin, a coach from Cold Springs Soccer to speak with the committee. The email implied that Steve had concerns with Cold Spring Soccer. The Rec. Dept has not had a baseball program for 3rd to 6th grade since Little League formed in town.
>Bill informed the committee if someone wants to address the committee, an agenda has to be finalized and posted 48 hours prior to meetings.
>Nancy asked if the Rec Dept. runs baseball.
>Rob replied that the Rec Dept. runs the Instructional league ranging from K to 2nd grade as well as the Sandy Koufax League which is 7th & 8th graders. The Rec. Dept has not had a baseball program for 3rd to 6th grade since Little League formed in town.
>Bill added that Little League covers an age group that includes 2nd to 6th graders.
>Nancy asked if we have something in place if people are not content with private organizations.
>Rob stated if people aren’t satisfied with a private organization, they are welcome to come to the Rec Dept. and discuss options.

>Bill asked Rob if he knew of any issues with baseball.

>Rob stated he is unaware of any issues.

>Nancy offered to help Wilbur with grants.

>Wilbur accepted and added that he works with Peg Lorraine and thinks Peg would also assist if asked.

>Bill asked for a volunteer to be on the CPC committee.

>Wilbur responded that he would volunteer.

>Bill asked that the survey include a 5 year plan for managed Recreation locations.

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>Nancy stated the survey results should be completed by February.

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>Bill asked what playing fields are at Constintino.
>Rob said there is a T-ball baseball/Softball field and a full size soccer field.
>Rob stated that when the Rec Commission was formed, they had talked about creating a survey and wanted representatives from different groups involved.
>Bill asked that the next meeting, each committee member come up with three questions for the survey.

>Wilbur explained that the community TV station, aired on channel 191-192 will be conducting an interview with the Rec Dept. including Rob and Linda and asked if Bill would be present as the committee chairperson. He included that questions would be pre-selected and it would be nice to talk about a 5 year plan, survey and get the community involved.
>Rob stated with the Fair weekend around the corner, the station must be busy so the Rec Dept understands postponing the interview until a later date.

DIRECTORS REPORT
>Rob stated that the Rec Dept. has a new high school art program. Instructor Kim Mook (CHCS art teacher) ran a successful art program this summer and asked to continue a session this fall with the high school age group.
>Rob said with several requests from the community, we offered a pre-school soccer clinic. The instructor has several years of experience working with small children and this 4 week clinic will be on a trial basis. With a 30 participant maximum, the program was filled within two weeks with several on the waiting list.
>The Rec Dept. will be distributing a fall flyer for the Belchertown schools emphasizing Stingrays & Suburban Basketball.
>Rob reported that all of our basketball registrations are now available to the public ranging from K-12 grade.
>Rob stated the CHCS pool has been drained and in the process of being grouted.
>Rob declared the Town beach is now closed and the Rec. Dept. had a successful year.
>Rob stated there has been one report of West Nile in Massachusetts with no impact.
>Rob said that the Rec Dept. has put an ad in the paper for a clerical part-time position. As of now, 10 people have applied.

Next meeting is Wednesday, October 21, 2015 at 6:15 p.m. in the Recreation Conference Room.
Nancy made a motion to adjourn. Chris seconded motion, past 3-0-0.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.