

**MANCHESTER PARKS FOUNDATION
Board Meeting January 8, 2007**

Meeting Called to order by Ellen Rugemer at 7:10 PM at the Manchester Town Office.

Present:

Ellen Rugemer, Pres.	Betty Smith, Board Member
Bill Skinner, Vice Pres.	Ellen Frey, Board Member
Sharon Hughes, Treas.	Carol Hose, Board Member
Marcia Bogash, Sec.	

Volunteer: Tom Smith

Minutes were accepted as presented. Sharon Hughes moved, Ellen Frey, seconded.

Treasurer's Report: Accepted as presented. Betty Smith moved, Marcia Bogash, seconded.

Elections:

The following slate was passed.

Bill Skinner, Vice President

Marcia Bogash, Secretary

Board Trustees: Betty Smith, Donna Davis

Web Page Update: Sharon will add on line calendar.

Public Relations: Calendar of events will be sent to media and posted at library for the first 5 months of the activity year.

Naturalist: No Report

Spring Fest:

Brainstorming ideas

Grab Bags for special numbers

Kids Crafts will be scheduled at specific times

Scavenger Hunt

Petting Zoo

Sherry to do scheduled program

Hot Dogs and pizza

Parachute and ball

Police

Letter to community organizations

Paper Making

Deer Antlers

Pretty Boy Alliance

Baywise

Facilities:

- 1. New shelves in new shed compliments of Manchester Elementary**
- 2. Plastic Container on wheels for transporting materials to pond. Lid needs to come off**
- 3. No word as yet on the pavilion**
- 4. New Mower picked up to be serviced**
- 5. \$750.00 of PTA money to be used for displays**
- 6. Bird Feeder project will be taken on by Marcia Bogash and Carol Hose.**

**Earth Day: Betty Smith reported that it will be held on April 22
She suggested that the students plant trees in open spots.**

Tom Smith reported:

Out of Mulch and wood chips

Trails between Nature Center and School are like a highway due to weed whacking. Switchback Trail is overtrimmed.

He has been filling in holes

Pond looks really good and barley bales are removed

Rocks lining pond (is Town to supply?)

Throughout the park many of the scotch pines are dying.

Interest in the geocaching ... 2 sites in the park

He is leaving Trail Guides in the mail box.

He has cleared around remains of Spring House and removed rocks

It would be helpful if cork was added to the kiosk. Presently it does not hold tacks.

Eagle Scout Project: Josh Fox Troop 665

Ellen Rugemer presented his idea for a project. His idea was to redo the beds around the Nature Center and to fill beds with stone. Those present expressed concern as to weeding with the stones in the beds. Board suggested that he consider using landscape fabric and natural mulch. Plant to be kept would be flagged.

Old Business:

Budget meeting to be held on January 22 at North Carroll Library at 7:00 PM.

New Business:

Email list for Ellen to send copy of agenda.

CQNC logo changes

Independent Contractor Agreement to be tabled until Town can review.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:50PM. Marcia Bogash moved, Ellen Frey seconded.