

**DRAFT MEETING MINUTES**  
**TOWN OF WINDHAM BOARD OF COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEE**  
**PUBLIC SAFETY, RECREATION AND PUBLIC WORKS**  
**Wednesday March 28, 2012 at 7:00 PM**  
**Windham Town Hall Auditorium**  
**979 Main Street**  
**Willimantic**

**1. Call to Order.**

Vice Chairman Arnaldo Rivera called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Committee members present: Lorraine McDevitt, Charles Krich, Tom DeVivo, Arnaldo Rivera

Town Staff Present: Recreation Director Tara Risley, Town Engineer Joe Gardner

**2. Pledge of Allegiance.**

**3. Citizens and Delegations.**

Tara Risley passed out a letter from Peter Quercia regarding need for a dog park.

**4. Town Council Subcommittee Member Comments.**

Arnaldo Rivera commented on how vibrant town was looking. He mentioned painting of Old Willimantic Cemetery fence, land clearing by Recreation Park. He suggested need for “no swimming” signs at Recreation Park.

Lorraine McDevitt commented on Peter Quercia letter, that he had offered his land as a dog park and that it was not a good location.

**5. Approval of Minutes from the January 25, 2012 Meeting and February 8, 2012 Special Meeting.**

No action was taken.

**6. Discussion Regarding Skate Park Fund**

Tara Risley gave back ground on why fund was established. Any donations go into the Recreation Department budget as a line item.

**7. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Making All Municipal Parks Smoke Free**

Tara Risley discussed proposed policy, that compliance would be voluntary, it would cost between \$900 to \$1,080 for signage. Most of cost would be paid through donations.

Lorraine McDevitt thought it was a wonderful idea.

Charles Krich agreed, felt it was reasonable.

Tom DeVivo felt nothing would change.

A motion was made by Lorraine McDevitt to recommend to the Council that the policy be adopted, and that up to \$1,080 be expended for signage. The motion was seconded by Charles Krich and passed three to one with Tom DeVivo voting against the motion.

**8. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Dispatch Center.**

An email from the Town Manager regarding the Town Attorneys review of existing contracts was passed out. No action was taken. The issue is to be on next months agenda.

**9. Discussion and possible Action Regarding Speeding on Baker Road and Gamache Lane**

John Saucier of Baker Road explained problem has been going on for five years. A motion was made by Tom DeVivo to install three temporary speed bumps with appropriate signage on the roads. The motion was seconded by Arnaldo Rivera. Charles Krich suggested issue should be reviewed by the Traffic Calming Committee. Arnaldo Rivera agreed the issue should be reviewed but in the meantime the speed bumps be installed as a temporary measure. The motion passed three to one with Charles Krish voting against the motion.

**10. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Utilizing the Cemetery Trust Fund to Replace the Storage Building at the Old Willimantic Cemetery and to Pave Deteriorated Roads at the New Willimantic Cemetery.**

Joe Gardner reviewed amount of money in trust fund and needed repairs. A motion was made by Lorraine McDevitt, seconded by Arnaldo Rivera to recommend the repairs to the Council. The motion passed unanimously.

**11. Update on Bike Path**

Joe Gardner gave an update on status. An agreement had been reached between Town, Railroad Museum and DOT. Instead of building an expensive tunnel, the bike path would be constructed by as open cut through the old railroad embankment. This reduced costs by \$900,000 and brought project back within budget. Construction next year looks very feasible. Lorraine McDevitt asked that this be on agenda every two months.

**12. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Lorraine McDevitt to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 pm. The motion was seconded by Tom DeVivo and passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted  
Joseph Gardner  
Town Engineer

