

BEECH MOUNTAIN PARKS COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
MARCH 7, 2007

**I. Call to Order**

Chairperson Reub Mooradian called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers. Other members present were Gil Adams, Jim Brooks and Brad Mettee. Calder Smoot arrived at 10:15 a.m. Also present were Public Works Director Riley Hatch, Outdoor Recreation employees B. J. Hughes and Recreation Director Craig Colistra.

**II. Consideration of Minutes – February 7, 2007**

Mr. Brooks moved to approve the minutes of February 7, 2007 as submitted. Mr. Adams seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**III. Staff Report –**

**a. Sledding Hill** – Mr. Hatch reported that the Town had made snow and hill was in good shape. Mr. McNay reported that in addition to the sledding hill activities, he and Mr. Hughes had been working to clean up the various park sites. Mr. Mettee asked about the status of the ceiling panels at the Recreation Center and it was reported that all repairs had been made. Mr. Brooks asked if the upcoming budget could include a truck for the snow gun and asked about plans for grooming the hill next winter. Mr. Boaz noted that the Town was considering a skid steer to be used for the Pond Creek Waste Water Treatment Plant and the sledding hill with the possibility of the TDA helping fund the purchase. Mr. Adams questioned the purchase of a machine for the sledding hill. Mr. Smoot noted that it was a mute point because of funding. After some further discussion, Chairman Mooradian asked that budget items be presented at the April 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**VI. Other Business**

**a. Chamber Request** – Mrs. Coscia submitted a letter asking that a donation box be placed in the chamber office for the sledding hill. After a brief discussion the Committee agreed that the donation box would be the responsibility of the Chamber of Commerce.

**b. Grant** – Mr. Colistra reported to the Committee that he did not submit the application for the grant from the NC Division of Parks and Recreation for hiking trails due to qualification restrictions. Mr. Hatch indicated that an individual interested in property on Red Fox had asked about the hiking trail right of way. After a brief discussion, Chairperson Mooradian asked that Mr. Boaz provide the Committee with a map showing the hiking trails and identify private property and sewer line easements. Mr. Corn indicated that the Town should check into the legality of having a hiking trail on a sewer line easement. Mr. Boaz noted that he would discuss the matter with Mr. Paletta. Mr. Smoot indicated that the Town did need a study of the hiking trails and parks in order to apply for grants.

c. Mr. Mettee indicated that he and Mr. Pfohl had a proposed list of hiking trail projects as well as web site recommendations. Mr. McNay asked that the Committee consider Ms. Coscia's request for winter hikes as well as an additional bonfire and hayride during the Christmas holiday.

## **VII. Adjournment**

Having no other business to discuss, Mr. Brooks, seconded by Mr. Smoot, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Reba Greene  
Town Clerk