

**Mansfield Parks Advisory Committee
Minutes of March 1, 2006**

Present: Sue Harrington, Tom Harrington, Jean Haskell, Jacquelyn Perfetto, Kedron Silsbee, David Silsbee, Jennifer Kaufmann, Juliana Barrett

Minutes from the December meeting were approved.

Recruitment – Juliana Barrett was present and would like to become a member.

PAC Reports –

Management plan reviews: No management plans were reviewed

Park updates: DPW will be replacing the Merrow Meadow bridge when the weather warms up.

PAC projects: Sue and Tom will begin IPANE monitoring as soon as vegetation is out. Jacquelyn may not have bird houses until late April. They will go at Merrow Meadow, Mount Hope, and Old Spring Hill Fields. Kedron presented a draft management plan for the Torrey Property and will continue to work on it.

Staff Reports

Sue reported on past FOMP programs and programs that are planned for the spring.

Jennifer presented a draft of the trail guide; it will be finished soon. The River Park phase 2 grant application has been submitted. Mansfield was awarded grants for Commonfields improvements and for invasive plant control at Eagleville Preserve, Mt. Hope Park, and Old Spring Hill Field.

Jean reported on the Land Management Committee meeting and the OSPC forum.

The parks display and brochure are waiting on a revised map from UConn.

Jennifer reported on the proposed budget.

The 2005 management review and plans for 2006 were reviewed.

Non-PAC Reports

Other committee minutes were covered under earlier discussions

Jennifer reported that the former owners of the Mt. Hope Park property would like to donate something for the park. Jennifer suggested an interpretive sign at the parking lot. PAC voted to support using the remaining money in the Mt. Hope fund to work with the Simpsons, the original owners of the property, to purchase an interpretive sign for the park entrance.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05