

**Town of Mansfield
Parks Advisory Committee
Minutes
January 4, 2012
Secretary – Al Montoya**

Present: Sue Harrington, Tom Harrington, Dan Vitullo, Al Montoya, Julianna Barrett and Jennifer Kaufman

- I. The meeting was called to order at 7:33 P.M.
- II. There were no minutes for the December 2011 meeting due to a lack of quorum.
- III. Old Business
 - a. Management plans
 - i. The committee will need to begin reviewing management plans. Sue is going to start looking at them this month.
 - b. Park updates
 - i. There is foliage down in Shelter Falls that needs to be cleaned up. Things look good in Dorwart however, Merrow Meadows needs a walkway to prevent erosion.
 - c. Upcoming initiatives
 - i. The natural area volunteer nomination will need to be presented in March therefore the committee will need to provide a recommendation in February.
 - ii. A field trip of Bicentennial pond is needed to examine the area in preparation for the handicap accessible trail that will be in design by a landscape architect.
 - iii. Connecticut trails day and the Mother's day hike are coming up.
 - iv. The next star party is scheduled for March 23, 2012.
- IV. New Business
 - a. E.O. Smith PAC liaison
 - i. Dan Vitullo has expressed interest in becoming the new representative from E.O. Smith and his name will be forwarded to the Committee on Committees.
 - b. The Agriculture Committee is updating all agricultural leases and developing the agricultural land use policy.
 - i. There are multiple tax exemptions that are available
- V. The committee was called into Executive Session at 8:03 P.M.
- VI. The committee returned from Executive Session at 8:35 P.M.
- VII. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Al Montoya, Secretary