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I. CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the Culture, Parks & Recreation Commission was called to order at 8:15 pm at the Simsbury Farms Apple Barn. Present were Chairman Linda Johnson, Commission Members Dave Bush, Karen Cortes, Joe Grace, Kelly Kearney, Mary Liljedahl, John Pendergast, Harry Ryan, and Director of Culture, Parks & Recreation Gerry Toner.

Bob Hensley, Board of Selectman Liaison, along with other interested parties was also in attendance.

The CP&R Commission meeting was held directly after the Public Building Committee Meeting. These Minutes can be viewed on the Town or CP&R web site.

II. MINUTES - OCTOBER 23, 2008

Kelly Kearney, made a motion, seconded by John Pendergast, and passed unanimously by the Culture, Parks & Recreation Commission to approve the October 23, 2008 Minutes.

III. DOG PARK

At this time, Linda Johnson dismissed herself as Chairman of the Culture, Parks & Recreation Commission to present as a member of the Dog Park Committee.

The Dog Park Board Members List (Addendum I) was distributed to all in attendance. An architectural diagram of the proposed Dog Park location (Addendum II) at Town Forest was also presented to members.

Anita Miller from the Dog Park Board explained some of the ideas for fund

raising efforts for the Park.

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A lengthy presentation and discussion took place among those in attendance in regard to the following topics.

The proposed best location of the Dog Park is at the end of Town Forest Road (as shown on the map presented).

The Town's Attorney has reviewed the issues of liability and determined it is the responsibility of the dog owners, as stated in a letter to Gerry Toner, Director of Culture, Parks & Recreation (Addendum III).

The dog park is to be funded and maintained by private monies raised by the Dog Park Committee and others.

The Town would provide water through existing pipes, the removal of a wood railing currently blocking the proposed entrance to the park, and possible plowing of the parking area during the winter.

The Town may provide additional services as needed and after consultation with the Dog Park Committee and CP&R.

Each year the Dog Park Committee will provide annual updates to the Culture, Parks & Recreation Commission and determine continued existence of the Park.

The Dog Park Committee will be responsible for maintenance of the Dog Park.

After the presentation and discussion, Mary Liljedahl made a motion, seconded by Kelly Kearney to approve the proposed Dog Park concept and would like this referred to other Boards and Commissions for any other required regulatory approvals. The motion passed with one abstention by the Culture, Parks & Recreation Commission.

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IV. GOLF COURSE FEES – RECOMMENDATION FROM
SIMSBURY FARMS COMPLEX COMMITTEE

Gerry Toner distributed the Golf Course Fees & Charges 2008 Report (Addendum IV) to the CP&R members.

The current rates were reviewed and rates for other Municipal/Public

courses shown as well.

Gerry explained it was suggested by the Complex Committee that the 2009 Season Passes be made available at the 2008 rate, through February 15th.

Gerry explained the 2009 recommended fees and how the Complex Committee uses benchmarks such as budget, rounds, conditions, etc. when determining new fees.

It was suggested by members of CP&R that next year the Complex Committee and Culture, Parks & Recreation work jointly in determining the proposed golf course fees.

The CP&R members thanked the Complex Committee for their hard work in determining the proposed golf course fees.

Karen Cortes made a motion, seconded by Mary Liljedahl to adopt the 2009 Golf Course Fees as proposed by the Simsbury Farms Complex Committee with an amended change of the Senior Weekday 9-hole fee from \$10 to \$11. The motion passed with one no vote by the Culture, Parks & Recreation Commission.

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V. SIMSBURY CELEBRATES!

Linda Johnson said due to the late evening she would present the final report on the event at the next CP&R meeting.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The Culture, Parks & Recreation Commission adjourned the meeting at 9:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Lungarini