

**TOWN OF STRATFORD  
BOOTHE MEMORIAL PARK COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**September 17, 2008**

The Boothe Memorial Park Commission of the Town of Stratford conducted a Special Meeting on Wednesday, September 17, 2008, at 7:30 p.m. in the Coliseum Building on the grounds of Boothe Memorial Park, Main Street, Stratford CT, pursuant to notice duly given and posted.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Philips at 7:50 p.m.

Presiding: Chairman Stephanie Philips

Commissioners in Attendance: J. Brazzell R. Brown, B. Burton, S. Voccola, Councilman T. Moore, Councilperson A. Wanamaker

Commissioners & Others Absent: B. Daponte, A. Scala, P. Handy (Parks Dept.), M. Holden (BMAS), A. Thorpe (Amateur Radio Group)

Others in Attendance: P. DeVitto (BMRS), Frank Kecko and Mary Beth Eckert (Rose Garden volunteers)

1. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the 7/9/08 Meeting were approved on a motion by B. Burton and seconded by S. Voccola.
2. **Financial Report:** (a) Chairman Philips reported on status of accounts with the Finance Dept. (discrepancy between 2 accounts – Reserve and Commission); problem resolved – Finance Dept. will keep these accounts separate and all funds are still intact. They would like BMPC to spend down the Commission Account by year-end and use some of the Reserve Account funds. (b) B. Burton spoke about the work bid approvals and issues involved with delays in implementing them. As far as we know purchase orders had been prepared and submitted to the Finance Dept. but were stalled within the system. No contact was made by the town to the chosen contractor. This matter will be looked into by Chairman Philips and Councilperson Tom Moore and Amy Wanamaker.
3. **Parks Department Report:** P. Handy absent; work issues previously discussed.
4. **Old Business:**
  - (i) Kitchen Renovations (Coliseum) – Anna Scala is working on getting the specifications for the new stove (quotes have been obtained from a few distributors) and with a targeted installation prior to the Pumpkin Festival. **Motion by B. Burton to approve the purchase of a new commercial grade stove for the kitchen in the Coliseum Building up to \$12,000.00 from the Commission's Reserve Account, seconded by R. Brown and passed unanimously.**
  - (ii) Pumpkin Festival '08 – **Reminder of date 10/18 with rain date of 10/19 from 1-5pm (Hayrides continuing to 6pm).** Chairman Philips reported that Commissioners are working on details for the event; additional volunteers will be needed as well as several

chairpersons for specific areas (contact Sarah Voccola to sign up). R. Brown reported that the leftover bottled water and candy from the summer concert will be sold at the Pumpkin Festival.

(iii) Website – S. Voccola showed the new site and reported that there will also be ongoing updates and additions.

5. **Volunteer Reports:** (a) Rose Garden – Volunteer F. Kecko reported that there was a problem with the spraying that was done by certified town employees – they sprayed “herbicide” instead of “insecticide” and caused damage to many of the rose bushes. The spraying equipment is owned by the Friends of Boothe but is kept by town employees when not in use. There has been no supervision by Rose Garden volunteers during these sprayings. This matter will be looked into further by the Commission.
6. **Commissioners’ Reports:** none at this time.
7. **New Business:** (a) Rose Garden Festival ’09 – tabled to next meeting.
8. **Adjournment:** There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m. on a motion by R. Brown and seconded by S. Voccola.

Respectfully submitted,

*Debbie Gallo*  
Recording Secretary