

SPERRY PARK COMMISSION

ANNUAL MEETING

FEBRUARY 19, 1976

Chairman, Winchester Hubbard called the meeting to order at 8:05PM. Those present were Commission members Ms's. Berrie and Scully, and Messrs. Bacon, Hubbard, Lewis, and Peck. Also present were ex-officio member, Russell Stoddard and guest, Michael Burt.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved as read.

In the Election of Officers, Stuart Peck moved and Russell Bacon seconded the motion that Winchester Hubbard be re-elected Chairman; Susannah Scully, Secretary; and Russell Bacon, in charge of Maintenance. One unanimous ballot in favor of the motion was cast.

Winchester Hubbard reported that the large windfall tree near the entrance to the Park had been cut and cleaned up by Messrs. Bacon and Lewis. The Town road crew did the rest of the clean-up work. Out of our last fiscal budget of \$1200, the police patrols had taken \$1180. Therefore, at the end of 1975, Mr. Hubbard, in anticipation of possible heavy spring-time costs had requested an extra \$200 from the Selectmen. This had been verbally granted. First Selectman Stoddard explained that the Selectmen like to be warned of possible encumbrances on the Town's Contingency Fund, but in all likelihood will not actually appropriate monies until they are found to be necessary.

During last summer's hot spell, a number of swimmers in the pool were arrested. One girl appealed her case, and the Town decided not to prosecute.

Ravages are continuing to be made into the stone wall marking the boundary between the Park and Water Company lands. These seem to be made by the truck load, and are very hard to identify and stop. The winter has caused damage to the Park driveway and a big hole needs now to be filled in.

Winchester Hubbard replied to various letters from the First Selectman: We had consulted Town Counsel last year in relation to the Water Company's cutting trees on the Hickox Park property; he sent an August Report of the Commission's activities; Mr Hubbard wrote as requested to the new Safety Commission about the Commission rules and concerns with safety. He attended a fall meeting to clarify the dictates of the new Freedom of Information Act.

Under old business, it was asked if the Town had acted upon the Commission's letter of February 26, 1975 asking that the bulk of the principle of the Rollin C. Newton Memorial Fund be put into longer term, higher yielding accounts. Mr. Stoddard said he would check into it. The Commission felt it would be wise to save and accumulate that money for possible eventual development of the Park. Additional trees were cut early this winter on the Hickox property, but they were mostly dead or dieing, and none seemed to have been cut lately. There was some further discussion of the various quit-claim and warranty deeds and affidavits relating to the Parks and surrounding properties.

To date \$480 of our total budgetted \$1200 has been spent (as compared to \$700 by the 11th of February, 1975). This leaves \$720 for the remainder of the fiscal year. The Town must now pay 5.85% for Social Security for the Police patrols. New Town policy is seeking to have all town expenses appropriately allocated to the agencies requiring them, so that we should expect the Highway Department will charge us in the future for their care of the Park grounds. Russell Bacon therefore moved that we increase our budget request by \$100 and ask for \$1300. Susannah Scully seconded the motion, and it was unanimously passed. It was simultaneously recognized that we might have to dip into the Contingency Fund, if maintenance expenses were high.

Under new business we agreed to call future meetings as necessary. Winchester Hubbard, or secondarily Susannah Scully, should be called if Commission members feel a meeting should be held. Herbert Lewis asked if the Water Company planned to re-forest the heavily-cut lands surrounding the Park. No one knew of such plans.

The meeting was Adjourned at 9:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susannah Scully  
Secretary

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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SPERRY PARK COMMISSION, Woodbridge, Connecticut  
19 February, 1976

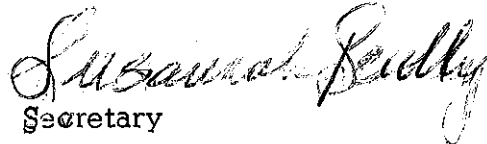
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and guest Michael Burt.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved as read.

In the Election of Officers, Stuart Peck moved, and Russel Bacon seconded the motion,  
that Winchester Hubbard be re-elected Chairman; Susannah Scully, Secretary; and  
Russel Bacon in charge of Maintenance. One unanimous ballot was cast in favor  
of the motion.

In reviewing the Budget, it was noted that police costs are our major expense, and  
cost most of our last fiscal year's budget. Russell Bacon moved and Susannah Scully  
seconded the motion, that we increase our request from last year's \$1200 to \$1300.  
One unanimous ballot was cast in favor of a \$1300 budget.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Secretary

SPERRY PARK COMMISSION  
ANNUAL REPORT

FEBRUARY 14, 1977

Chairman Winchester Hubbard called the meeting to order at 8:05 P.M. Present were Commission members Ms's Berrie and Scully and Messrs. Bacon, Hubbard, Lewis and Peck. Ex-officio member Russell Stoddard came to the meeting late.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved as read.

In the Election of Officers, Stuart Peck moved and Dr Lewis seconded a motion that Winchester Hubbard be re-elected Chairman; Susannah Scully, Secretary, and Russell Bacon, in charge of Maintenance. One unanimous ballot was cast in favor of that slate.

Dr Lewis spoke of the sequence in the last few years of trouble with mites and scale afflicting first white pine, then red pine and and the current fear of a scale attacking hemlocks. The Park, of course, has beautiful hemlock woods along the stream and by the pool, and we would like to protect them without risking damage to the watershed. Russell Bacon said that he would talk with Paul Walgren of Walgren Tree Company to see if the extremely cold winter had checked the risk of possible damage, or if there is a way to protect the trees without in any way polluting the water.

Win Hubbard reported that the year had been a quiet one with at times heavy, but appropriate use of the Park. Hurricane Belle uprooted six large trees, some of which now block the trail, and these should all be cut up into firewood. Russ Stoddard said that the Town work crews could fell those that were hanging; Russ Bacon and Dr Lewis offered to help again with the cutting and clean-up. Win said that he had picked up trash during the summer, and cleaned out the spring by the road.

Russ Stoddard reviewed the recent history of the New Haven Water Company and its difficulties in planning or raising monies for required filtration plants; the creation in May, 1976 of the Feasibility Study for establishing a Regional Water Authority and its progress and recommendations to date. In all likelihood, the legislature will support the formation of a Regional Authority or New Haven will exercise its option to buy the Water Company. For the present there is a moratorium on the sale of Company lands so that the 700 acres in Woodbridge, which the Water Company had considered surplus, are not at risk or available. The State Health Department feels that more land should be bought rather than any sold. If there is a Regional Authority, there may be more hope that the land will be kept in tact than if New Haven takes over the Company. In the longest run, we will probably want to clarify our southern boundary lines and our disputed claim to the Hickox property. If necessary and approved by a Town Meeting, some of the Town's \$100,000 Reserve Fund, established in 1976, could be used for this.

Of our last year's Budget of \$1200, only \$940 was spent, and this was for police patrols. Our budget for the current fiscal year, '76-'77, is \$1300, and to date \$620 has been spent on police patrols. These should start again on the first warm spring weekend, usually in the end of April, and should continue on all good weekends through June. The patrols cost \$22 a four-hour, one-man work shift, and the police have frequently worked in pairs, for one or two work shifts a weekend. It seems wise to set the pattern of patrols early in the season, but it was felt that one man could take care of it alone most of the

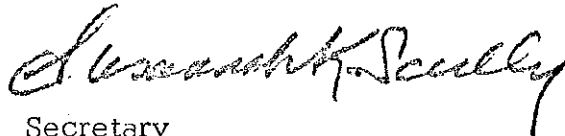
the time. Russ Bacon requested that we ask the police to try this, and to let us know if one man could not provide adequate coverage. Russ Stoddard said that there might be a slight increase in police salaries, but that the Town would not allocate small town crew charges to the Park as was anticipated last year. Susannah Scully moved, and Stuart Peck seconded, a motion that we submit a Budget of \$13,000 again this year. One unanimous vote was cast in favor of this.

## Memorial

In 1975, , we proposed that the Town put monies from the Rollin C. Newton Fund, the interest from which is for the use of the Park Commission, into long term Certificates of Deposit. Russ Stoddard said that this has not yet been done because the Town is hoping to combine its several small funds in a manner so that it both gets the highest rate of interest and can appropriately allocate the earnings to the specific purposes indicated by the various Funds' founders. The Newton Fund, which was established in 1958 with \$1250, had \$4,405 on July 1, 1976. None of its interest has been used by the Commission to date,

The meeting was adjourned by 9:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Secretary

SPERRY PARK COMMITTEE  
ANNUAL REPORT

February 14, 1978

Chairman Winchester Hubbard called the meeting order at 8:15 P.M. Present were Commission members Ms's Berrie and Scully and Messrs. Bacon, Hubbard, Lewis and Peck.

Minutes of the last meeting on February 14th, 1977 were read and approved as corrected. The requested Sperry Park budget for 1977-78 was \$1,300,, not \$13,000.

In the election of officers, Winchester Hubbard was re-elected Chairman, Susannah Scully Secretary, and Russell Bacon, in charge of Maintenance. One unanimous ballot was cast in favor of that slate.

No one knew the latest state of the Rollin C. Newton Fund or whether its monies had been put, as we had recommended earlier, into certificates of deposit. Winchester Hubbard agreed to check into this.

Win reported that a tree had fallen across the stone wall and there were scattered cans and broken glass throughout the Park. Russ Bacon was asked to call:

A SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY

for Committee members, and to inquire if a scout troupe might be interested in helping with clean-up throughout the year. When the Committee meets at the Park in the spring, members will investigate more permanent ways to keep the spring, mentioned in the deed, clean. Russ will check with Paul Walgren or the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station about hemlock scale and whether there is protection--considering we are on the watershed-- which we can or should give the hemlocks in the Park. The Park was used throughout the year, was checked normally by the police and patrolled by auxiliary officers on warm weekends. There were no complaints during the year.

Win Hubbard reported that our police patrols had cost \$800 to date this fiscal year, and that he had therefore put in a budget request for \$1600 for fiscal 1978-79. After considerable discussion, Russ Bacon recommended that Win write a letter to Police Chief Ciarleglio (1) complimenting and thanking the police for their fine job of checking and patrolling the Park; (2) recognizing that police costs are increasing; (3) stipulating that we have budgeted \$1500 for police patrolling on warm weekends throughout 1978-79; and (4) requesting that the police not exceed this figure, but please use their best judgment in administering that as needed. It was suggested that since the police have two way radios that single patrols and/or staggered weekend hours of patrols might be ways of stretching the effectiveness of the police patrolling.

Under new business, Nancy Scully's write up on Sperry Park for the survey of the Commission on the Use of Publicly Owned Properties was approved. The ambiguity about the legal ownership of the southern part of Sperry Park was reviewed, and Nancy was asked to speak with First Selectman Russ Stoddard to recommend that he approach the New Haven Water Company now about giving the mutually claimed portion of land to the Park. It was felt that now, before the Water Company may be sold or regionalized might be the optimum time to clarify this boundary question. There was some discussion that supervision of the Henry C. Hickox Memorial Park, adjoining Sperry Park, be charged to the Sperry Park Committee.

Respectfully submitted, *Susannah (Nancy) Scully* Secretary

MINUTES --Annual Meeting- SPERRY PARK COMMISSION -- 14 February 1979

The Meeting was called to order at 8:15 P.M. on February 15th 1979. Present were: Chairman Winchester Hubbard, Russel Bacon, Sylvia Berrie Herb Lewis, Stuart Peck and Nancy Scully.

The MINUTES of the last meeting of February 14th 1978 were read and approved. The then proposed Spring Clean-up Day had not been held, but Stuart, Herb Lewis and Win individually spent hours on different days cleaning both the spring and the park.

Nominations were made and seconded, and the following members were elected:

Winchester Hubbard - Chairman  
Susannah (Nancy) Scully - Secretary  
Russel Bacon - in Charge of Maintenance

Win reported that clean-up is still a problem. There are beer cans and broken glass scattered in the Park. Stuart Peck moved and Sylvia seconded a motion that Win contact Scout Master Don Rollins to invite the Scouts to the Park for refreshments and a talk on the Park and to ask Mr. Rollins if the Scouts might be interested in helping take care of the Park. It was unanimously voted to do so.

There were no complaints about use of the Park this past year. It had considerable use year around. The police patrolled it as usual, and the Highway Department mowed it and picked up the trash. Joe Kalso of the Highway Department said that he had spent \$52.00 on new park signs; Win said he had asked him in future to notify Win before doing so again.

Win said the stone walls along Sperry Road and the Park's edge were being plundered and Nancy warned that we should watch out for anyone lumbering our trees. Elsewhere in the town, this has been a problem, which has been hard to protect against.

Hemlock scale which causes the browning and shedding of some needles was not a problem last year and may not become one this if the present cold weather persists. The scale problem has been coming to this area, though, so Russ agreed to check with Paul Walgren about any preventive steps we should consider. Because of the Park's being on the watershed, we need be especially careful about any materials used.

Stuart recommended that the spring at the edge of the road should annually be tested to see if it is potable. As a way of helping to keep it cleaned out and free from laurel and pepperbush overgrowth, he suggested a perforated tile pipe be placed where the water runs off to the gutter by the road. Stuart said he had a suitable pipe.

The Rollin C. Newton Fund amounts now to \$4,943.89 and is in 9.75% Treasury Bonds. Its principal of \$1,250.00 has netted interest over the years of \$3,693.00. The Fund's share of the combined Trusts held by the Town is 22.45%. Only the income from the Fund can be used by us. Possibly it should be used for land.

Of our 1977-78 budget of \$1500, we spent \$1,350. Of the 1978-79 budget of \$1600, \$792 has been spent to date, leaving \$808 for patrols up to June 30th. Patrolmen will be getting

a 6% raise this year, and we will be newly directly charged \$240 for the services of the Highway Department. These should include at least once annually mowing the grass, weekly picking up the trash from the trash barrels (in season) and cleaning up tree damages as needed. We estimated that we should allow \$60 for presently unexpected miscellaneous expenses. Stuart Peck moved and Sylvia seconded a motion that we ask for a budget of \$1980 for fiscal 1979-80 (\$1,680 for police patrols, \$240 for Highway Department services, and \$60 for miscellaneous expenses). The motion was unanimously carried.

We agreed to hold a Clean-Up Day in April.

Respectfully submitted,

*Nancy Sally*  
Secretary



MINUTES - Special Meeting - SPERRY PARK COMMISSION - August 7, 1980

A special meeting of the Sperry Park Commission was held on August 7, 1980. The meeting was called to order by the chairman, Winchester Hubbard, at 8:20 P.M. Those present were: Chairman Winchester Hubbard, Russell Bacon, Gloria Robinson, Elizabeth Wolff, Sylvia Berrie, Gregory Leonard from the Water Company, and Lt. Richard Rollinson from the Woodbridge Police Department.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the overuse of the Park by outsiders due to the excessive heat. There has been a great deal of littering, and thefts from cars has been reported. There is fear that the illegal swimming will cause pollution and a hazzard to health and safety.

Within a two-week period at least 37 arrests were made for criminal trespass and illegal bathing in the Sperry Park public water shed area. Only one of those arrested was a local resident. Use of the Park is normally restricted to town residents.

Supernumerary patrolmen have been assigned to the park on weekends, but due to illness and injuries there has been a shortage of manpower. Recently there have been weekends when no one was on duty at the Park.

After much discussion, a motion was made by Russell Bacon and seconded by Elizabeth Wolff to close the Park until October 1. The vote by the Sperry Park Committee was unanimous.

Signs indicating that the park is closed will be posted by the Highway Department.

The meeting was closed at 9:45 P.M.

*Sylvia N. Berrie*

Sylvia N. Berrie (Mrs. James W.)  
Secretary

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SPERRY PARK COMMISSION

FEBRUARY 10, 1981

The Sperry Park Commission met for its annual meeting in the Woodbridge Town Hall on February 10, 1981. The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Mr. Hubbard, at 8:20 P.M. Present were: Mr. Win Hubbard, Mrs. Sylvia N. Berrie, Sgt. Scott Hovey, Mrs. Gloria Robinson, and Mrs. Elizabeth Wolff.

The minutes of the February 13th, 1980 annual meeting and the special meeting of August 7, 1980 were submitted and approved.

The annual nomination and election of officers was held. Mr. Hubbard was re-elected Chairman and Mrs. Wolff was ~~made~~ secretary.

Under Old Business Mr. Hubbard gave the commission a review of what had taken place in 1980. April 12, 1980 was the annual clean-up day. The effect of the bottle bill was evident as the number of bottles and cans collected had dropped significantly over past years. Mrs. Robinson brought up the topic of spraying as a method of controlling the gypsy moths but pointed out that spraying could not take place around a water shed area. In the past, Mr. Hubbard pointed out that the town has rejected spraying with Sevin to combat the larvae. However, Mr. Hubbard predicted a high infestation of gypsy moths, to the point where they will eliminate their food supply by defoliating everything and presumably will die before reaching a stage where they can produce more eggs.

On the topic of Police Patrol Sgt. Hovey explained that last summer's shortage of patrolers was due to illness. This year the patrolling will be better as the police department has increased the number of supernumeraries. Sgt. Hovey stated that many arrests were made after the special meeting of the Sperry Park Commission on August 7, 1980. Seventy arrests including some made in the month of September were effected before October 1, 1980.

Under New Business Mr. Hubbard requested feed back or a summary describing police activity in the park area. Sgt. Hovey agreed that it was important that the park commission be apprised of arrests in the park area so that the commission can take action if necessary. Sgt. Hovey also suggested that the commission prepare a statement to be published in the newspaper just before the park officially opens on April 25, 1981.

Mrs. Barrie moved that the police continue their patrolling, and Mrs. Wolff seconded the motion.

The date of this year's annual clean-up was set for April 11, 1981 at 9:00 A.M.

Annual Report of the Sperry Park Commission cont.'

Mrs. Robinson asked if Don Rowlands's scout troop or one of the other Woodbridge troops could be contacted and help us clean the park. Any money received from the collection of cans or bottles could go to the troop. Elizabeth Wolff volunteered to contact Mr. Rowland regarding Mrs. Robinson's suggestion.

Mrs. Robinson also suggested that signs be created to encourage in a positive manner the co-operation of individuals using the park, signs which would appeal to young people's current ecological and environmental concerns. Sgt. Hovey suggested contacting the art department at the high school. Mrs. Wolff agreed to speak to Mr. Whelpley, the graphics art instructor at Amity Regional.

Mr. Hubbard concluded the meeting with a review of the Sperry Park Budget Request for 1981 - 82.

Patrolling Wages:	\$1680.00
Maintenance & Misc.:	\$ 300.00
Total:	\$1,980.00

Interest was accumulated in the amount of \$423.74 in the Rollin C. Newton Fund and reinvested in the town's General Fund.

Sylvia Barrie made a motion to close the meeting which Mr. Hubbard seconded and the meeting adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SPERRY PARK COMMISSION

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1982

The Sperry Park Commission met for its annual meeting in the Woodbridge Town Hall at 8:15 P.M. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Win Hubbard. Other members present were: Mrs. Sylvia Berrie, Mrs. Gloria Robinson, Mrs. Elizabeth Wolff and Mr. Russell Bacon.

The minutes of the February 10<sup>th</sup>, 1981 annual meeting were submitted and approved.

The annual nomination and election of officers was held. Mr. Win Hubbard was re-elected Chairman and Mrs. Wolff was re-elected Secretary.

OLD BUSINESS: The cleanup held on April 11, 1981 was accomplished efficiently with the help of Troop 7. In September, Eagle Scout candidate, Ernest Asparelli, cleaned out the brush hut constructed in the cellar hole of the Sperry homestead.

In early August a woman drowned in Sperry pool. Mr Hubbard felt that if supernumeraries had been present the accident would not have occurred. On weekends we had asked to have at least 1 supernumerary between the hours of 12 noon and 5 P.M. Russell Bacon suggested that police register the license plates of individuals found parked at the entrance and locate their addresses through the computerized police files. We could then send the out-of-town persons a form letter explaining that Sperry Park is limited to Woodbirdge residents.

Mr. Bacon and Mr. Hubbard will approach First Selectman, Russell Stoddard about the difficulties we have been having in obtaining the co-operation of the police department to meet our requests.

The signs created by the Amity High School students under the supervision of Ann Levine were executed and posted in the park. Mrs. Wolff wrote a letter of appreciation to Mrs. Anne Levine.

NEW BUSINESS: The Sperry Park Budget Request  
for 1982-83

Patrolmen Wages: \$1600.  
Maintenance & Misc: \$ 150.  
Total : \$1750.

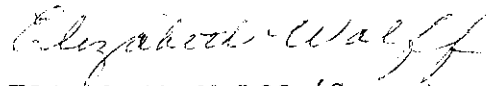
A motion was made by Mr. Bacon to accept the budget as proposed by Mr. Hubbard. The motion was seconded and passed.

\* The date of this year's annual clean-up was set for April 3, 1982 at 9:00 A.M. Mrs. Robinson again suggested that we approach Mr. Rowland for help from Troop 7.

\* Mr. Hubbard has asked for a follow-up meeting to take place Wednesday, June 9th. A police report will be anticipated at this time on the patrol activities at Sperry Park between April and the June 9th date. Coverage on holidays and weekends will be requested, and a letter will be sent by Chairman, Win Hubbard, requesting a report. A copy of the letter will be sent to the Board of the Police Commission and to First Selectman, Russell Stoddard.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Elizabeth Wolff (Secretary)

\* Please make a note on your calendar for the above dates.

SPERRY PARK COMMISSION

June 30, 1982

The meeting of the Sperry Park Commission was called to order at 8:12 P.M. Present were: Chairman Win Hubbard, Mr. Russell Bacon, Mrs. Sylvia Berrie and Mrs. Elizabeth Wolff. Officer Rollinson was present to report and make recommendations from the Police Department.

The minutes of the February 11<sup>th</sup> meeting were read and corrected.

Mr. Rollinson presented police reports from May 29 and May 30, 1982. Over 20 to 25 people were listed in his reports, most of them from out of town.

A suggestion was made to block Sperry Road with rocks, but there would always be a problem if someone was hurt and the ambulance had to be summoned.

Drinking liquor on town property may be prohibited except in state parks. However, a hearing is needed to enact such an ordinance. It will be discussed before it goes to the Board of Selectmen on July 12<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Rollinson suggested that a letter be sent in support of the proposed ordinance, and Mr. Win Hubbard agreed to write a letter to the Board of Selectmen telling them that the park has its own rule, but we need the passage of a town ordinance stating no liquor on public town property in order to make the rule enforceable.

Supernumeraries will cost \$7.50 each hour for coverage: \$90.00 for each weekend with one man on Saturday and two on Sunday. The proposed hours for coverage would be from 2 - 6 on Saturday, (while in July) and on Sundays from 4 - 8.


A first aid kit is to be carried by the supers.

A discussion ensued around the topic of the Water Company proposals. The water filtration system makes it possible for them to open up the land for recreation.

Lake Saltonstall is open to controlled fishing with a company permit required on a fee basis to support care takers and patrollers.

A review of recommendations from the police department are as follows: Time changes to cover maximum visiting periods; first aid kits for patrol units; portable radio contact is to be maintained between the patrolmen at the park; and signs must be posted in such a way that they will stay put and be protected from vandalism by a frame of chicken wire over the posters.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 P.M.

  
Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Wolff

Sperry Park Commission - Minutes of February 15, 1983

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 on Feb. 15, 1983.

Present were Win Hubbard, Elizabeth Wolff, Sylvia Berrie, and Russ Bacon.

The minutes of the past February 1982 meeting were approved and officers for the coming year were elected. President - Win Hubbard, Secretary - Russ Bacon.

It was noted that the April 3, 1982 clean-up day was held. Charges for police patrol from 7/1/82 through 2/15/83 were \$761.25. The 7/83 - 7/84 budget was set at \$1850 (incl. \$100 for maintenance).

As in past years police patrols will begin April 30 and clean-up day this year will be April 9 at 9:00 A.M.

It was decided to leave for another year a maple tree which is partly dead as no hazard exists.

Win will check with the police in May as to status of patrols.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

  
R. E. Bacon

Secretary

SPERRY PARK COMMISSION - MINUTES of FEBRUARY 7, 1984

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 on February 7, 1984.

Present were Win Hubbard, Sylvia Berrie, Gloria Robinson, Dr. Herbert Lewis, and Russ Bacon.

The minutes of the past February, 1983 meeting were approved, and officers for the coming year were elected as follows:  
President - Win Hubbard, Secretary - Russ Bacon.

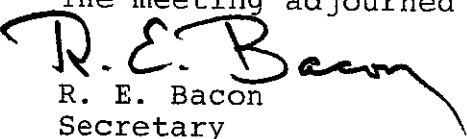
Win reported that there was a possibility of an over-run on the current budget. If this appears imminent as we get closer to the end of the budget year, Win will so advise the Board of Finance.

The 7/84 to 7/85 budget was set at \$3,100. Of this, \$2,700 is for police patrol, \$300. general maintenance, and \$100. for removal of the maple tree. (As the need for police patrols varies from year to year with weather conditions, the amount budgeted is considered the maximum that could be expected).

The Commission discussed the difficulty in keeping signs posted in the park. A number of various signs and methods of posting have been tried in the past, but effectiveness has been hampered because of vandalism. It was agreed we should continue to post and replace signs as needed.

In other business, Sylvia agreed to look into an article on Sperry Park in connection with the Bi-Centennial. CLEAN-UP DAY is APRIL 14 at 9:00 A.M.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30.

  
R. E. Bacon  
Secretary



ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SPERRY PARK COMMISSION

MINUTES OF JANUARY 30, 1985

The Sperry Park Commission met for its annual meeting in the Woodbridge Town Hall at 7:40 P.M. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Win Hubbard. Other members present were: Mrs. Sylvia Berrie, Mrs. Gloria Robinson, Mrs. Elizabeth Wolff and Mr. Russell Bacon.

The Minutes of the 1984 Annual Meeting were read by Mr. Bacon and approved.

Officers for the coming year were elected as follows: Chairman, Mr. Win Hubbard, and Secretary, Mrs. Elizabeth Wolff.

OLD BUSINESS: The park clean-up held April 14, 1984 went well. Russell Bacon and Win Hubbard were present and clean up was light.

The barricades on Sperry Road remained in place between November 1984 and April of 1985.

During the summer of 1984 the signs remained undisturbed by vandalism and police patrolled with approximately one run every hour. One supernumerary was hired to maintain three shifts, 19 trips a day. Arrests were made for trespassing, and persons were jailed until bonds were posted.

A dead maple tree was downed by David Price of Nutmeg Tree Service for \$192.00.

NEW BUSINESS: Budget estimate for the year 7/85-7/86 was set at \$2,800. Russell moved that the budget be approved and Sylvia Berrie seconded the motion.

Patrolmen Wages: \$2700.  
Maintenance & Misc : \$ 100.  
Total: \$2800.

The Commission discussed a request from an out of town group to use the park for recreation purposes. The group's request was turned down by Mr. Russell Stoddard on the basis of the following criteria: If a Woodbridge resident is in the group, the group may be justified in using the park. Russell Bacon moved to reject the request for out of town groups unless an adult Woodbridge resident sponsors and accompanies the group as a guide or chaparone. This motion would be contingent on clarification of the insurance policies by Mr. Russell Stoddard.

CLEAN UP DAY was set for April 27, 1985 at 9:00 A.M.

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

*Elizabeth Wolff*  
Elizabeth Wolff, Secretary

SPERRY PARK COMMISSION

Meeting January 27, 1986

Present: W. Hubbard, S. Berrie, H. Lewis, G. Robinson

W. Hubbard, Chairman of the Sperry Park Commission, called the meeting to order at 8:10 P.M. and the minutes of Special Meeting held on November 5, 1985 were read and accepted.

The Highway Department has lowered the water level in the pool by removing rocks, Mr. Hubbard noted, referring to the letter from our insurance carrier's agent with its suggestions in regard to the administration of the Park, and its first proposal, and this has satisfied the insurance agent. The other recommendations appeared impractical. R. Bacon, acting for E. Wolff, has taken this message back to the Selectmen.

A motion that W. Hubbard continue as Chairman, with G. Robinson Secretary, was passed.

W. Hubbard reported that the dam has been lowered, several trees are down, and one has fallen blocking the pool. Police patrolling has been a sufficient deterrent so far this year, and to date no supernumeraries have been on duty at the Park in addition to the regular system of patrol. The funds remain available for supernumeraries as deemed necessary during the rest of the year, allocated and may be used at police discretion.

Budget recommendations for the next year were discussed. W. Hubbard has spoken with Lt. Rollinson on the provisions for police patrolling of Sperry Park in the next year, and the recommendation is that \$2500.00 be allocated for this purpose, which will again allow for supernumerary police presence in the Park should this be needed.

The motion was presented and passed that the Commission request \$2500.00 for police patrolling, and \$100.00 for maintenance next year, to give a total budget of \$2600.00 for the administration of Sperry Park.

Those present agreed upon April 12th, 9 A.M. as the date for clean-up of the Park.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

*Gaea Robinson*  
Secretary

SPERRY PARK COMMISSION

Meeting February 24, 1987

Present: W. Hubbard, Chairman, R. Bacon, S. Berrie, H. Lewis,  
G. Robinson.

W. Hubbard, Chairman of the Sperry Park Commission, called the meeting to order at 8:10 P.M. The minutes of the meeting held on January 27, 1986, were accepted, with the correction (lines 15-16) to read: "Russell Stoddard has taken this message back to the Selectmen."

It was voted that the present slate of officers continue.

W. Hubbard reported that the administration of the Park has been uneventful in the past year, with the deterrent runs by the patrol of the Woodbridge Police highly effective. This regular system of patrol has resulted in some arrests, but it has been a year in which the Park has been quietly used as a recreational area as intended. No supernumeraries have been on duty and the \$2600.00 budget remains unspent to date.

H. Lewis asked whether any trees required removal. W. Hubbard noted that the maple that was cut down should be cut up into movable wood, but no one has removed it as yet. The cut-up trees will rot, however, doing no harm, and there is another tree partially cut; neither blocks anything. Brush has been hauled away from Sperry Park.

With the high effectiveness of the deterrent police patrolling, which W. Hubbard reported, R. Bacon noted that word of this presence seems to have become known.

R. Bacon moved that \$500.00 be provided in the budget should supernumeraries be needed at the Park, and \$100.00 in the budget for maintenance in the coming year, a total of \$600.00, and the motion was passed.

There was discussion of possible dates for cleanup, and the cleanup day was set as May 2nd, at 10 A.M., with the recommendation by H. Lewis that the road crews be notified regarding removing blocks prior to this.

The opening of Lake Chamberlain may have some effect on the use of the Park and possibly complicate policing, and may require some action. The Park should not be used for parking while hiking.

There has been posting of No Trespassing signs by the Water Company within the confines of the Park, as on the fence surrounding the cellar hole of the old mill which is part of Sperry Park. As some of these signs appear on the wrong

side of the fence, W. Hubbard felt that clarification of this should be made. R. Bacon also remarked that inaccurate posting should not continue. W. Hubbard may speak with Jack Reynolds and perhaps he will recommend writing a letter in this regard if necessary.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

*Alice Robinson*

Secretary

SPERRY PARK COMMISSION

Meeting February 10, 1988

Present: W. Hubbard, Chairman, J. Adamovich, S. Berrie, H. Lewis, G. Robinson, E. Wolff.

W. Hubbard, Chairman of the Sperry Park Commission, called the meeting to order at 7:45 P.M. The minutes of the meeting held on February 24, 1987 were accepted.

It was voted that the present officers continue.

W. Hubbard reported that there are at present no problems in the administration of the Park, police patrol is effective, and the Park is used recreationally as intended. The police deterrent runs, noting of car registrations, identification being asked where this is indicated, as well as the posting of signs, have made supernumerary policing unnecessary in the past year, although funds have been available for this. W. Hubbard has been in touch with the Woodbridge Police Department with regard to any need for supernumerary police, and has been assured that the patrolling will continue.

W. Hubbard told the Commission of the planned parking area for the cars of holders of permits issued by the Water Company, who will be hiking around Lake Chamberlain and may perhaps also visit the Park. The Park is presently used by Woodbridge residents and their guests.

The date for the spring clean-up of the Park will be April 30th, at 9 A.M., and it was suggested that the Highway Department be apprised of this so that the barriers are removed in time. The Park appears to be in good condition, and winter closing as well as the bottle law seem to have contributed to this.

It was voted that the budget provide \$500.00 this year for supernumerary police if needed, and \$100.00 for other maintenance of the Park, a total of \$600.00.

W. Hubbard asked for some sense of the Commission's opinion regarding dealing with hikers with the Water Company permits who may be in the Park in addition to the usual recreational users. H. Lewis suggested for the time they might see what the experience is, and W. Hubbard noted that a large number would not be likely to visit the Park. W. Hubbard will speak with the Woodbridge Police about this possibility, so that they will be aware that Water Company permittees may also be at the Park.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

*Garcia Robinson*  
Secretary

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SPERRY PARK COMMISSION  
Meeting February 16, 1989

Present: W. Hubbard, Chairman, J. Adamovich, S. Berrie, H. Lewis, G. Robinson

W. Hubbard, Chairman of the Sperry Park Commission, called the meeting to order at 7:40 P.M.. It was voted that the minutes of the meeting of February 10, 1988 be accepted.

There are at present no problems in the use of the Park, Mr. Hubbard told the Committee, and numerous daily deterrent runs by the police to patrol the Park routinely seem to suffice. Mr. Hubbard has talked with Chief Burke, and the police will continue this patrolling. The recreational use of the Park has been as intended. Since the opening of Lake Chamberlain by the Water Company to permittees for hiking, there may be some use of the Park also by hikers, joggers, and birdwatchers who have access to the Lake Chamberlain area and may visit Sperry Park (the Lake Chamberlain area has its own parking area), but in all there appear to have been no major problems in the administration of the Park over the past year.

The annual clean-up of the Park, even though all is in good order and little to clean up, will provide for inspection of the Park also, which would be desirable, Mr. Hubbard noted. Mr. Adamovich will look into having Cub Scouts participate in this if it can be arranged, helping to spruce up the Park, learning about it, and perhaps having refreshments afterward. With the possibility of Boy Scouts taking part on the clean-up day, the date was set for May 6, 1989, at 10 A.M. as probably more convenient than an earlier hour.

It was moved and voted that the present officers of the Sperry Park Commission continue.

The budget provides for \$500.00 for patrolling by the Woodbridge police, and \$100.00 for maintenance. It was moved and voted that the budget be accepted. Funds are thus provided should supernumerary police be needed. Presently, the quiet use of the Park has left signs with rules and regulations in place and undisturbed.

In response to a question regarding fishing, Mr. Hubbard replied that the Park has never been closed to fishing, which would have to be done from shore, no wading permitted, and there is no stocking of the pond.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

*Gina Rosen*

Secretary

SPERRY PARK COMMISSION  
Meeting February 28, 1990

Present: W. Hubbard, Chairman, J. Adamovich, S. Berrie, H. Lewis.

W. Hubbard, Chairman of the Sperry Park Commission, called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.. It was voted that the minutes of the meeting of February 16, 1989 be accepted.

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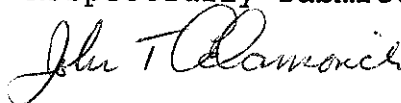
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In response to a question regarding fishing, Mr. Hubbard replied that the Park has never been closed to fishing, which would have to be done from shore, no wading permitted, and there is no stocking of the pond.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



John T. Adamovich  
Asst. Secretary

SPERRY PARK COMMISSION  
Meeting March 5, 1991

Present: W. Hubbard, Chairman, John Adamovich, Sylvia Berrie, Gloria Robinson, Bobbi Griffith.

W. Hubbard, Chairman of the Sperry Park Commission, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. A motion to accept the minutes as read, of the February 28, 1990 meeting, was made by Sylvia Berrie and seconded by Gloria Robinson. The motion was carried.

There are at present no problems in the use of the Park, Mr. Hubbard told the Committee, and numerous daily deterrent runs by the police to patrol the Park routinely seem to suffice. Mr. Hubbard has talked with Chief Phipps, and the police will continue this patrolling. The recreational use of the Park has been as intended. Since the opening of Lake Chamberlain by the Water Company to permittees for hiking, there may be some use of the Park also by hikers, joggers, and birdwatchers who have access to the Lake Chamberlain area and may visit Sperry Park (the Lake Chamberlain area has its own parking area), but in all there appear to have been no major problems in the administration of the Park over the past year.

The annual clean-up of the Park, even though all is in good order and little to clean up, will provide for inspection of the Park also, which would be desirable, Mr. Hubbard noted. Mr. Adamovich will look into having Cub Scout Pack 2 again participate in this if it can be arranged, helping to spruce up the Park, learning about it, and perhaps having refreshments afterward. With the possibility of Boy Scouts taking part on the clean-up day, the date was set for May 4, 1991 at 10 a.m. The Town Crew will be notified so that the road to the Park is in proper order prior to our May 4th opening.

It was moved and voted that the present officers of the Sperry Park Commission continue.

Due to the continued great effort by the Woodbridge Police, the commission feels that the use of supernumerary officers is no longer needed and funds for this service can be deleted from our 1991 budget. The Commission did however feel that a \$100.00 maintenance budget should be retained for emergencies. A motion was made by John Adamovich and seconded by W. Hubbard to present a \$100.00 maintenance budget for Sperry Park - Motion carried. Presently, the quiet use of the Park has left signs with rules and regulations in place and undisturbed. Mr. Hubbard did advise us that they were beginning to show signs of weathering.

Again in response to a question regarding fishing, Mr. Hubbard replied that the Park has never been closed to fishing, which would have to be done from shore, no wading permitted, and there is no stocking of the pond.




SPERRY PARK COMMISSION

Meeting March 5, 1991 (Continued)

A discussion of the Rollin C. Newton fund took place. The fund was formerly set up as a \$1,200. restricted for park use only. Over the years the fund has grown by interest to well over \$4,000. Mr. Hubbard will check with Town Officials as to the exact amount. The Commission decided to keep the fund in tact at this point, feeling the Park is in good order and these funds should be saved for future park needs.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John T. Adamovich". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

John T. Adamovich  
Asst. Secretary

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SPERRY PARK COMMITTEE

The Sperry Park Committee will meet in the Woodbridge Town Hall February 26, 1992 at 7:30 PM. The agenda will include the election of a chairman and secretary for the committee. Plans will be made for the maintenance of the Park for the 1992 season. A budget for the 1992-93 fiscal year will be adopted.

Winchester L. Hubbard  
Chairman

*Winchester L. Hubbard*

Meeting to be held at:  
Room 13 - Center

To: Stephanie Ciarleglio  
Town Clerk, Woodbridge

From: Winchester L. Hubbard  
Chairman, Sperry Park Committee

Date: January 14 ,1993

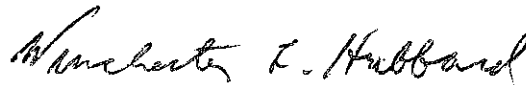
RE: Meeting of the Sperry Park Committee

The Sperry Park Committee will meet February 23,1993  
at 7:30 PM. inthe board room of the Woodbridge Town Hall.

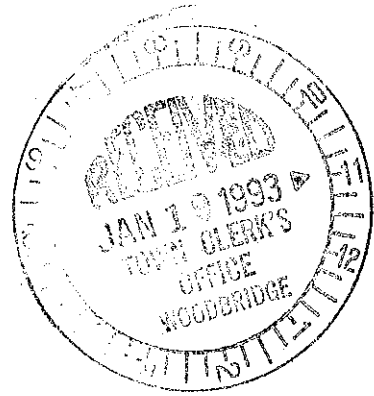
Maintenance of the Park during the 1993 season will  
be planned.

There are no other scheduled meetings of this  
committee.

Sincerely yours

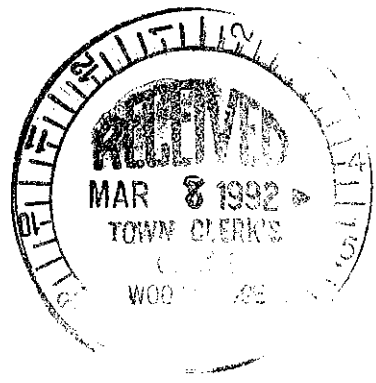


Winchester L. Hubbard  
Chairman, Sperry Park  
Committee



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Sperry Park Committee  
meeting for tonight was  
cancelled as per w Hubbard.



To; Stephanie Ciarlegio  
Town clerk, Woodbridge CT

From; Winchester L. Hubbard  
Chairman, Sperry Park Committee

Date; March 5, 1993

RE; Meeting of the Sperry Park Committee

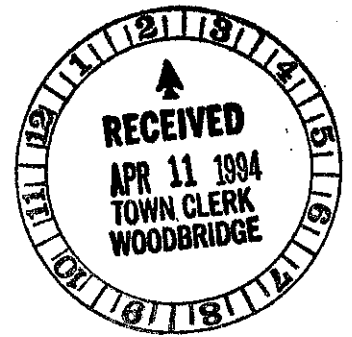
The Sperry Park Committee will meet on Tuesday  
April 13, 1993 at 7:30 PM. in the Woodbridge Town Hall .  
Maintenance of the Park during the 1993 season  
will be planned.

This meeting will replace the one scheduled for  
February 23, 1993 which was cancelled.

Sincerely yours

Winchester L Hubbard

Sperry Park Committee Meeting  
April 5, 1994



Present: Winchester Hubbard, Mary Sagarin.

With only two members in attendance motions were dispensed with since agreement was necessary in order to proceed. The meeting began at 7:50p.m. when it became apparent that no others would be present.

Winchester Hubbard, Chairman of the Sperry Park Committee, shared his recent correspondence with Isaac Sperry of Lake Havasu, Arizona, who wrote looking for information on the Ebenezer Sperry homestead, built in 1747. Mrs. Edyth Shepherd was able to supply a photo of the house which, having been added to in 1830 and owned and enlarged again in 1845 by Calvin Sperry, eventually passed into ownership of the Luciani family (the photo dates from that time), and has since been destroyed. W. Hubbard continues his correspondence with Sperry who may make a trip to our area sometime.

Mary Sagarin shared an important family event which took place in Sperry Park the first weekend in April. Mark Sagarin chose the site to ask Heather Webb to marry him. His proposal was accepted.

W. Hubbard stated that he spoke with Police Lt. Stuart who agreed that four deterrent runs a day would be made to the park to discourage people who are not Woodbridge residents from using the park, and to explain that the penalty for non-compliance is \$85.

The Sperry Park Committee has applied again for \$100 budget for maintenance of the park should it be needed. The signs which were placed at the park entrance last year remain in good order, according to W. Hubbard.

W. Hubbard reported that a trail from Clark Road to Dillon Road to Cassway Road and through Water Company Land to Sperry Park has been proposed by Charles Goetsch to the Conservation Trust. Following existing Water Company service roads, the proposed trail would cross Mr. Goetsch's property to the west side of Round Hill following the gas pipeline.

The cleanup day of Sperry Park will be held on Saturday, April 30 at 9 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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Sperry Park Committee Meeting

March 28, 1995

Present: Winchester Hubbard, Herbert Lewis, John Adamovich, and Nedra Crane

The meeting began at 7.45 at which time the minutes from the past meeting were accepted.

Winchester Hubbard, Chairman of the Sperry Park Committee stated that he had notified Isaac Sperry of Lake Havasu, Arizona that he original homestead of Ebenezer Sperry existed on Amity Road where Center Bank now stands.

A motion to request \$100 for the new budget for maintenance of the Park was made by John Adamovitch and seconded by Nedra Crane. Winchester Hubbard stated that the signs at Sperry Park are in place.

The Woodbridge police will continue to have runs to Sperry Park. This has been a successful deterrant to discourage non-Woodbridge residents from using the park.

A discussion was held as to the possibility of cleaning up and blazing the blue trail that runs from Round Hill thru Cassway to Sperry Rd.

Winchester Hubbard stated that he was resigning from the Chairmanship of the Sperry Park Committee and nominated John Adamovich as Chairman. Herbert Lewis seconded the nomination and all approved.

The clean-up date for the Park is Saturday April 29, 1995 at 9:00 A.M.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45P.M.

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**SPERRY PARK COMMITTEE  
ANNUAL MEETING**

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SPERRY PARK COMMITTEE WILL BE HELD  
ON:

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2003  
7:30 P.M. – SELECTMEN'S BOARD ROOM  
IN THE TOWN HALL

Dated: February 3, 2003