

Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2023

Barrington Town Gym at 5:30pm

Present: Doug Langdon, Dale Sylvia, Dave Johnson, Scott Ramsey, Steve Graves, Matt Mooers, Jessica Tennis, Sarah Bailey

Guests:

Selectboard Liaison: Not in attendance

Call to Order: Dale called the meeting to order at 5:33

Old Business:

Approval of past minutes: Doug motioned to approve the December 19 minutes. Dale seconded, vote unanimous.

New Business: Jessie informed the Commission that Steve will be stepping down to an alternate member of the Commission. Matt agreed to take on a full member position.

Program Report: There were a total of 373 participants in the month of December.

Revolving Fund Report:

Beginning Balance: \$623,000.67

Ending Balance: \$452,382.86

The Commission discussed the Revolving Fund projections. The Quarter 3 bill was taken out, which is the largest portion of the decrease in the Revolving Fund's balance. Jessie reminded the Commission that the Quarter 4 Bill will be later than normal as the Town is still hiring for the Finance Director position.

Jessie has not heard anything about progress on the Pavilion project. She is planning to reach out and will keep the Commission updated as more information is available.

Jessie updated the Commission that the Zoning Board denied a variance needed to construct the proposed Assisted Living Community behind Calef's Country Store that would be at the center of the proposed TIF District. Based on the conversations that happened during the meeting and the continuously changing variables, Jessie recommended waiting to finalize Recreation's hopes and hesitations surrounding the TIF district for now.

The Commission discussed information distribution and the areas of improvement possible. The Department plans to create a brochure to include with the Tax Inserts sent out by the Town to get information about programs to more of the population that is being missed by current advertisement strategies.

Sweetheart Skate will be February 11. DJ Mike Guyre will be there as well as Hot Mess Poutine. Steve asked about a backup date. The Department will continue to monitor the safety conditions of the ice and will proceed accordingly to provide a safe and fun event for the Community. The event was postponed a week last year and then ultimately canceled.

Jessie informed the Commission that information about registration for Before and After Care and Summer Camp will go out by the end of next week.

Department Staff attended the Northern New England's Recreation and Parks Conference. Staff attended many helpful sessions that provided new ideas, prospective, and tools to strengthen and grow the Department. Jessie and Sarah explained key take aways from the conference.

The Commission and Department discussed similarities and difference between departments from the Conference and Barrington's funding source. Sustainability of funding was discussed. The Department talked about participation scholarships and the intent to create a fund for participants.

Steve motioned to adjourn at 6:31, David seconded, vote unanimous.

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