

Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

March 23rd, 2023

Barrington Town Gym at 5:30pm

Present: Dale Sylvia, Scott Ramsey, Brian Collopy, Matt Mooers, Jessica Tennis,

Guests:

Selectboard Liaison: Not in attendance

Call to Order: Dale called the meeting to order at 5:30pm

Old Business:

Approval of past minutes: Scott motioned to approve the February 13th minutes. Dale seconded, vote unanimous.

New Business:

Program Report: There were a total of 646 participants in the month of February. Scott asked about the difference between 2022- 2023 vacation camp participants. Jessie explained the fluctuation from year to year depending on family vacations. Brian asked how they compare to pre-covid numbers to which Jessie explained there was typically 30-40 participants and that the goal of the new School-Age Coordinator is to add quality programming within these programs to enhance opportunities we already have.

Revolving Fund Report:

Beginning Balance: \$493,102.41

Ending Balance: \$450,524.34

The commission discussed re-appointments for the vacant Vice Chair position. Scott Ramsey will take over this role now that Doug Langdon term has ended.

Jessie reminded the commission that the voting make-up date is schedule for tomorrow, March 28th. The Recreation van is on the ballot for the kids voting. The department is very excited to learn the name of the new van.

Jessie updated the commission on the status of the pavilion project. As we wait to hear back from the rotary club about their grant recipients, the Recreation department should anticipate roughly \$25,000 of funding to offset grant funds. Will Lenharth is working to secure these grants and hopes to have an update in June of 2023. Per the grant requirement, we will need to have the property surveyed. Jessie received pricing from Stonewall Surveying, however Dale mentioned getting other quotes from other locals to compare pricing. Dale mentioned spending up to \$3,000 on Recreation department property. Matt Mooers seconded; the vote was unanimous.

The commission discussed the GBCC golf course and our attendance over the past two years. This year, with financial overhead and commissioner availability, we have decided to not participate this year. The commission will re-consider in the future.

Jessie informed the commissioners that we have choose MyRec as our new software system. We have started the onboarding process with the anticipation of going live in June. We are working to fine tune our systems to ensure the switch is as smooth as possible. Jessie explained the transition process and that the commissioners will be asked to help spread the word and encourage residents to try the system. We are working to shift as many registration online in an effort to maximize staff time within the office. Jessie also explained that RecTrac will be active but not available to the public from June through December of 2023 to ensure all information is still accessible after the switch. Due to multiple software systems being used, this line will be overspent in 2023. However, the department anticipates making those funds up through requiring credit card processing fees be paid by each merchant.

Jessie updated the commission that the school-age coordinator has been hired and has been with the department for a few weeks and seems to be a great fit. She has a variety of experience and have dived right into programming and staffing, which is imperative for the department at this time.

Jessie explained the hurdles the department is facing with securing leadership staff within summer camp. With wages and schedules being more competitive at surrounding SAU's, we have an extremely small pool of applicants for these jobs, as we relied on these professions to fill these seasonal positions. Jessie encouraged the commission to help spread the word as we are trying to make connections with staff they may not know our program exists.

Jessie reviewed the summer camp and before and after school program registration numbers. Both registrations went smoothly, and we have started a waitlist at this time.

Jessie reminded commissioners that the Egg Hunt was scheduled for this Saturday, April 1st starting at 9am. Scott asked if the rain location was still inside, to which Jessie informed him it was.

Jessie updated the commission on the library meeting that took place on Saturday, March 25th. She mentioned that the process was very enlightening and allowed for a clearer project timeline, which was helpful. During the sessions, Jessie mentioned there were 4 areas of discussion, one of which was the use of the current library space. Jessie spoke publicly during this session to get clarification on if the intended use had changed, as the Recreation department was under the understanding that this space was earmarked for Recreation. The response from the trustee was that they had a meeting with Rec a few months back and that we did not have interest in that space. Jessie clarified the intended message given to the trustees, as that was not the intent of the commission's message. Jessie reiterated that the Recreation department is very much interested in this space, however in order to stay on track with our targeted projects the department need to focus on other opportunities until we know that space is available. If/when it becomes available, the commissioners are willing to consider this opportunity. Jessie will contact the board of trustees to clarify any confusion and will plan to get more involved with the library discussions, as we want to ensure both departments are able to collaborate and maximize potential opportunities.

Scott motioned to adjourn at 6:33pm, Matt seconded, vote unanimous.

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