

Barrington Recreation Department

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Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

September 18th, 2023

Barrington Town Gym- 5:30pm

Present: Dale Sylvia, Scott Ramsey, Brian Collopy, Fred Tester, Jessica Tennis, Sarah Bailey

Guests: David Johnson via phone

Selectboard Liaison: Not in attendance



APPROVED

Call to Order: Dale called the meeting to order at 5:34pm

Old Business:

Approval of past minutes: Scott motioned to approve the public and nonpublic minutes from 8/21 date seconded.

New Business:

Program Report: There were a total of 442 participants in August. That number does not reflect the concert attendees, which would add an additional 500 participants.

Revolving Fund Report:

Beginning Balance: \$637,407.82

Ending Balance: \$569,802.68

Jessie explained the revolving fund overview. The Commission discussed the revolving fund projections. Jessie explained the revolving fund expense projections for 2024. The Commission discussed a potential Capital Reserve request for park maintenance. The Commission discussed potential hurdles and opportunities with a warrant article. The Department is working on a warrant article for park development that will aid the continued expansion of the department into larger capacities. The Commission discussed the reception of the request, Jessie informed the commission that there have been preliminary conversations and increased collaboration between the departments.

Jessie presented the RFPs for the new garage. The bids came in more than anticipated, but the project is a priority for the Department. The Commission discussed the proposals. The consensus was in support of the continuation of the project.

Jessie informed the Commission that the library is intended to move to another off-site location. She met with the architect to discuss renovations for the upstairs remodel if the library moves. Jessie reviewed the initial renovation drawings with the commission.

Jessie explained the CDFA grant opportunity to the commission. The grant has 11.5 million dollars of funding available for a one-time award. The grant application is due by November 30 and funding is awarded in February. Jessie met with TA MacIver and a grant writer. It was determined that the Department's application should focus on the current recreation facility. Jessie explained the old Careno addition project. The Department is working to finalize plans for the grant application to meet the requirements of the grant and the needs of the Department and community as a whole. Jessie told the commission that if the grant would 15% match \$150,000 commission was unanimously in support of making funds available if grant funding is awarded. The commission discussed potential renovation ideas for the current space.

Dale motioned to support the application for the CDFA grant with the understanding and intent to allocate up to \$150,000 in match funding. Scott seconded. Vote unanimous.

Dale requested a hard copy of the energy audit.

Dale proposed the Commission formally ask the Library Trustees what their plans are to include the department in their warrant article. Jessie suggested waiting to make a decision on asking the Trustees, because there are too many unknowns in the library project for them to give a reliable answer at this point. Dale requested the library's financial commitment to retrofitting upstairs be on the agenda for the October minutes.

Jessie met with the Library Director to discuss programming and department collaboration. The departments are meeting again to discuss further collaboration efforts in teen engagement.

The department is working with Mendums pond on collaboration.

The Recreation Department van has been picked up.



Retro night went well. Roughly 140 participants attended this year.

Community garden has been successful for year one, and the department intends to expand the program over the next year.

Fall Festival is moving to the elementary school. The event will be 2:30-5:30 trunk or treat 2:30-4:30, concert 3:30-5:30. We are anticipating a very large crowd for the event.

Dale asked if the department would like commission support for the budget presentation at the select board meeting in November. Jessie said she would like at least one commissioner to attend.

Brian motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 Scott seconded vote unanimous

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