

# Barrington Recreation Department

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## Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Barrington Town Gym- 5:30pm

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

Guests:

Selectboard Liaison: Not in attendance

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

Old Business:

Approval of past minutes: June minutes were tabled as quorum was not present. Brian motioned to approve the September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023 minutes. Dale seconded. Vote unanimous.

New Business:

Program Report: There were a total of 582 participants in September and 1,156 in October.

Revolving Fund Report:

Beginning Balance: \$608,882.91


Ending Balance: \$652,091.03

Jessica reviewed the Revolving Fund projections. Jessie informed the Commission that the former van garage may become a part of the possible upcoming expansion projects. The garage pricing was discussed, and it was clarified that formal bids are still needed before pricing can be finalized. Dale asked when the Department would know about the possible expansion projects and what funding sources the Department will receive. By April the Town vote will be completed and the CDFA grant winners will be announced. Dale requested that the garage formal Request for Bids be sent out in February.

Jessica explained that through discussions with the ABC and Select Board, the Department's initial request for a Capital Reserve for park maintenance is being rescinded. Through the potential expansion projects there is a possibility that the Department starts looking at becoming a Parks and Recreation Department. When and if that becomes a real possibility there will need to be funding sources to support that shift, so as that evolves park funding will be addressed.

Jessica explained the different funding sources for the Department's expansion projects and the potential options for each one. Source one: Included in the Library's warrant article to purchase the old Frisbee Memorial building there will be some funding included for the Recreation Department to renovate the current Library space. Source two: Grant funding from the CDFA and required Revolving Fund match. Source three: The Recreation Department will be putting forward a warrant article asking the town to raise and appropriate funding for the potential expansion projects to maximize the opportunity for additional program and office space. The current office and programming space is no longer meeting the needs of the department and soon will not be able to meet the needs of our growing community. Jessie also informed the Commission that there is another grant funding opportunity if the CDFA grant fails.

The department's next focus is how to get all the information about the potential expansion projects and funding sources out to the community in a way that is digestible and understandable.

  
The Commission and Department discussed marketing and advertising strategies for getting the information out to the community. The Commission is in support of utilizing Revolving Fund money to market and advertise these projects. They were also willing to assist in the efforts to spread the word and support the Department with in person advertising efforts.

Brian motioned to adjourn at 7:10. Fred seconded. Vote unanimous.

Scott Ray

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