

**Barrington NH Recreation Commission Meeting**

December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021



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Dale asked if the applicants if they had any questions. Scott asked what the future vision was for the department. Dale explained that the department is looking to expand infrastructure and with that expand and diversify the quantity and quality of programs. Doug explained the Strategic plan as the guideline for the Department's forward planning.

Dale asked if they were ready to join if their apps are recommended to the select board. Both said they were ready to join.

Jim motioned to approve both applications. Dale seconded. Vote unanimous.

Jessie explained the approval process to Scott and David. Dale explained the attendance policy.

**Staff Overview:**

Jessie explained the site supervisor positions and their wages and benefits. She then explained how and why the restructuring took place.

Jessie reiterated that the department is understaffed and continue to try and hire for a variety of positions. Due to the staffing shortage, we have had to cut some program hours as well as close the office early to ensure all programs are covered adequately.

Travel Basketball, games will start in the new year. Coaches and teams are all set, the Jamboree went well. Rec Ball is scheduled to start in January. ½ coed.

Gunstock will be supervised by Alex and Ben at Gunstock.

Don't Trash Barrington- Litter clean up monthly: Second Saturday of every month. The locations for 2022 will be posted in the next few weeks.

Summer Camp: It will be an 8-week program. Advertisement will be out on January 8. Registration for the lottery on February 8 – March 15. If there are any spots left, they will be opened to nonresident s on March 22. The department will not be offering camp for kindergarten this year.

**Solid Roots Contract:**

Jessie explained that the contract went to the Town Lawyer and their edits were accepted by Solid Roots. Jessie asked the commission if there were any questions with the contracts. The commission recommended the Town Administrator sign off on the contract as well because it is altering a town building.

Dale motioned to approve the Solid Roots Contracts. Doug Seconded, vote unanimous.

Park Opportunities: Jessie explained the property on Redemption Road as well as the possibilities on Ramsdell Lane with the town's excess fill. Jim expressed concern with the Redemption Road property with the amount of traffic from deliveries and lighting and that he does not see that land as a safe or beneficial for the department to pursue. Jessie also mentioned working with Garth Svenson to see what is happening downtown if there is an opportunity for a park to be added into the plans.

Shade Structures: Getting rid of the single post. Two double shades will be delivered in March.

Doug motioned to adjourn Jim seconded. Vote Unanimous.

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Present: Dale Sylvia, Doug Langdon, Jim Noble, Sarah Bailey, Jessica Tennis, Steve (phone)

Guests: David Johnson and Scott Ramsey

Selectboard Liaison: Not in attendance

Call to Order: Dale called the meeting to order at 6:03pm, Jim seconded.

New Business: Jessie explained the meeting procedures to the New Commission Members.

Doug motioned to approve the Oct. 18, Dale Second

Dale motioned to approve November 15; Doug seconded.

Revolving Fund:

Beginning Balance: \$ \$686,996.56

Ending Balance: \$532,083.12

Steve joined by phone at 6:10pm

The commission discussed the revolving fund. Doug asked if the department anticipated the revenue to rebound from COVID as quickly as it has. Jessie explained that we have seen everyone coming out more because they want to get out as much as possible. Gunstock is higher numbers than ever, trunk or treat.

Jessie explained that the shade structures would be completely refunded, and those funds will be redeposited into the revolving fund and the department will be re invoiced in March when the new shades are delivered.

Jessie explained the history of the gym fire capacity and need for the fire separation, and timeline for the walls project.

She explained the different opportunities the department has for park development at Ramsdell Lane and Redemption Road.

Jessie explained that the Director, Assistant Director, and part time administrative assistant, include wages, benefits and ET buyout were the only items included in the Operating budget. All other staff and expenses are out of the Revolving Fund.

David asked how the department projects future revenues and expenses. Jessie explained that the department looks at last years numbers with the anticipated numbers for the next year.

The commission discussed the history of the revolving fund and where they'd like it to go in the future. There was discussion of how much of a cushion is wanted to remain in the revolving fund. The consensus was around \$150,000 - \$200,000.

Scott asked how long \$100,000 would carry the department if programming shut down like COVID. Jessie explained revenue and expenses are tied together.

Program Report: There were a total of 305 participants in November.

Review of Rec Comm Applicants:

Scott Ramsey and David Johnson