

## Barrington, NH Recreation Commission Minutes

January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021

The commission discussed the parcel 0100060002. They brainstormed what would be involved in logging the lot. Jessie explained the ideas the department has for the land. In the next 3-5 years, the Department would like to clear the land and develop multi use field space with a pavilion. The goal is to start a summer concert series and summer movie nights. The commission felt that a permanent bathroom structure is necessary for the space. The commission decided that a building on the land is not attainable in the short term and felt the project timeline wouldn't align with the library. Jessie mentioned that developing fields will require upkeep and maintenance that needs to be accounted for in our budgets moving forward. Dale asked if the dept felt there would be an increase in revenue with the space. Jessie said that with expanded field access there would more opportunities for programming. Ideas include adult sports leagues, specialty summer camps, community events.

Doug said the strategic plan should be used when finalizing plans and presenting to the select board. Dale asked if the department felt comfortable moving forward with the property. The large revolving fund will no longer be an option. Jessie said the addition is priority and gym floor needs to be replaced. The consensus was THAT THE COMMISSION AND DEPARTMENT DO WANT TO UTILIZE the land. They discussed how this new project would fit into our current projects and the needs assessment and strategic plan.

The commission made recommendations for the formal documentation and budgetary affects down the line.

Jessie gave the commission on the COVID-19 in the KAP program. The FFCRA expired so paid time is at the discretion of the employer. The town is having employees use ET, Before/After care staff do not have Earn Time and asked the commission if they would like to pay revolving fund employees who are unable to work because of a work related covid issue. The commission discussed concern with liability for extended leaves. The consensus was to align with the town as the liability is too great to pay employees while they do not work.

Dale motioned Steve at 9:57 second vote unanimous.