

Barrington, NH Recreation Commission Minutes

January 25th, 2021

Present: (virtually via Teams) Doug Langdon, Dale Sylvia, Steve Graves, Jessica Tennis, and Sarah Bailey

Guests: Collin Phillips

Select Board Liaison: Not in attendance

Absent: Jim Noble, Hildi Ahee, and Alex McCormack-Kuhman

Call to Order: Dale Motioned to call meeting to order at 5:35, Steve seconded, vote unanimous.

Old Business:

New Business:

Water Bottle Filling Station: Jessie explained that the camp guidelines state there should be no communal water source, so the Department would like to buy a water bottle filling station for \$3,600 which includes installation. Steve asked if COVID relief funds could cover the cost. Jessie has spoken to Conner about a second round of funding and there is nothing available for municipalities at this point. Dale asked if the department received more than one bid. Jessie explained that the company that gave the quote is working at the public safety building and has been working with Jim Towle for many years. Jessie asked Conner if it was necessary to obtain other quotes because this company has an established relationship. Conner said that multiple quotes were not necessary. Dale stated that he thought Nottingham got a similar filling station for less money and asked Jessie if she would be okay working with another company if the cost was lower and the timeline remained the same. Jessie said if the timeline was the same and could be installed before summer camp, she didn't have a problem with using a different company. Doug asked if there was a certain dollar amount that the director needs to ask the Commission for permission to spend. Jessie said the amount is \$2,500.




Dale motioned to authorize an expenditure up to \$3,600 on a water bottle filling station with the understanding that if COVID relief funding becomes available the Department will look into reimbursement if possible. Steve Seconded, vote unanimous.

Ductless Mini System: Jessie also received a quote from the same company for a Ductless Minisplit System to heat and cool the office and new conference space. The quote was \$9,575 for one outdoor unit and two mini splits. One head would be in the office and one in the conference space outside the office. The quote includes the product and installation. The company feels they will be able to start in March and that it will be a simple project. Dale and Steve thought there would only be one split. Jessie said that the reason they were looking at two is because there is no heat in the conference space. Jessie explained that the department is looking into expanding the registration window so that the office door could remain closed for the majority of the time to limit distractions and exposures in the office. Dale felt it would be wise to have two heads because the second head wouldn't be very expensive. Doug explained that he felt the upgraded cooling unit was worth spending extra on so staff wouldn't have to empty the condensation bucket in the back room. Doug expressed he would like to take more time and obtain more quotes for this project. Jessie said that she worked with another company to get a quote

who doesn't install the water bottle filling station. Their quote was within \$100. Steve said that he has a friend who is a Diken representative and could reach out to see if the quotes were reasonable. The commission was comfortable with Steve sending the information and getting his friend's opinion. Jessie asked that the timeline be as quick as possible so we can try to have the project completed by summer camp. Dale said that from what he has seen at work, mini splits are not in as high demand as the water bottle fillers and does not think there is the same time pressure. Dale said that he would like to see a third quote. Steve and Doug agreed. Jessie asked for recommendations for a third company. Dale recommended Revision in Brentwood. Doug recommended Stroger in Rochester.

Jessie informed Collin and Doug that their confirmations from the Select Board would be complete tonight and she would reach out to let them know next steps for taking their oaths.

Dale motioned to adjourn at 6:04, Doug Seconded, vote unanimous.

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