

Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

July 18, 2022

Barrington Town Gym at 5:00pm



APPROVED

Present: Scott Ramsey, Dale Sylvia, Doug Langdon, Jessica Tennis, Sarah Bailey

Guests: (6:50pm) Karen Towne, Susan Gaudiello, Lee Elliott

Selectboard Liaison: Not in attendance

Call to Order: Dale called the meeting to order at 5:05pm

Old Business:

Approval of past minutes: Doug motioned to approve the June 20th minutes as written. Scott seconded. Vote unanimous.

New Business:

Jessie presented the Commission with a written response to the Library's questions based on the Commission's discussion last meeting. The Commission discussed the response.

Revolving Fund Report

Beginning Balance: \$645,961.13

Ending Balance: \$686,092.45

The Commission discussed the Revolving Fund projections. Jessie informed the Commission that the Department received \$52,800 in grand funding for the NHEYP Grant through DHHS. The Department is planning to spend the funds on a 15 passenger van. Dale suggested the Department look into the State Bid List to purchase a van. Jessie informed the present Commissioners that she would like to discuss earmarking more funds to park development at the next meeting. Dale will not be present at the August meeting. The Commission discussed the possibility of earmarking additional funds. The Commission discussed the pavilion project and the timeline of fundraising and building.

Program Report

There were 519 total participants in the month of June.

Jessie informed the Commission that the Department is exploring the possibility of moving all adult drop in programs to the Recreation Gym.

Members from the Library Trustees arrived at 5:50

The Trustees discussed the Library's goals and then asked for the Recreation Department to explain their goals and where the Department is heading. Jessie explained the projects that have been on and off the table over the past few years. She explained the projects the Department is currently working on based on the Needs Assessment and Strategic Plan. The Department's next projects will be focused on developing the outdoor space of the Department. Dale explained the Department's growth over the past few years. The Department's focus has shifted to accomplishable projects. Dale explained that the Commission and Department will remain focused on projects that are known possibilities and accomplishable. The Trustees expressed their understanding for the Rec's position and explained their next steps in the Library project. The Departments discussed the growth of the Town, the best ways to communicate with the

residents, and the futures of both departments. Jessie asked if the Library would be open to allowing the Recreation Department to be a part of the conversation when they select the final location of the next library proposal to maximize the potential expansion of the current property for both departments. The Trustees said the Recreation Department could be a part of that conversation when the time comes.

The Library Trustees left at 6:55pm

The Commission discussed the Needs Assessment and Strategic Plan. The Department discussed programming possibilities if additional space does become available.

The Department decided not hire a second Camp Director. The Program Coordinator and Program Supervisor positions are advertised and open.

The Department has decided not to continue pursuing the NH State Park grant funding because plans are not finalized enough to compete with other applicants in this application round. The Department will continue to pursue development plans with the potential of completing a Master Plan for the whole project.




Jessie introduced the idea of requesting a capital reserve fund for park maintenance. She has started discussions with Conner about the possibility of the fund. The Commission discussed Capital Reserve funds.

The Commission discussed the final wall of the gym. The Commission recommended the Department pursue an energy audit on their own and bring pricing to the Commission.

Dale asked when the floor in the Men's room would be addressed. Jessie has been in contact with Jim Towle but does not have a timeline for completion of that project. The Commission expressed concern for the injury risk it is and asked the Department to reach out to Jim again to get at least a temporary fix while summer camp is going on and there is heavy traffic in the bathroom.

Jessie informed the Commission that the town has created a committee to review the personnel policy. Jessie has been appointed as a member of the committee along with other people throughout town.

Doug motioned to adjourn at 7:21pm. Scott seconded, vote unanimous.

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