

Barrington, NH Recreation Commission Minutes

June 21st, 2021

Present: Dale Sylvia, Jim Noble, Doug Langdon, Jessica Tennis, Sarah Bailey and Alex McCormack-Kuhman.

Guests:

Select Board Liaison: Not in attendance

Absent: Hildi Ahee, Steve Graves

Call to Order: Dale Called the meeting to order at 6:04pm, Doug Seconded.

Old Business:

Jessie had the commission sign the merchant service agreement.

The commission reviewed the May 17th and June 7th meeting minutes. Doug motioned to approve both meeting minutes, Jim seconded, vote unanimous.

Dale mentioned the May 6th meeting minutes that have not been approved due to not having a quorum at the June 7th meeting. Due to not having the document ready, we will push the acceptance of those minutes until the July 19th meeting.

Revolving Fund Report:

Starting balance: \$625,381.82 Ending balance: \$628,365.30

Jessie and the commission reviewed the revolving fund report. Doug requested we extract the estimated costs of gym floor and bleacher projects from the projected quarterly bills as those costs will come from the revolving fund. He would like the quarterly bills to only reflect the amount that will be owed to the town.

Program Report: Alex presented the program report to the commission. The department had a total of 172 participants across all programs in the month of May.

Summer Camp:

Sarah briefed the commission summer camp. We currently have 89 participants registered with __ staff. Camp will begin on Monday, June 28th and end on Friday August 13th. Staff training will be held on Wednesday, June 23rd and Saturday, June 26th.

After consulting with the Town Administrator and other local recreation departments, we have determined masks will be optional for all campers and staff. This decision was made due to facility limitations and no access to A/C; wearing masks under these circumstances could undermine the safety of all parties during the hot summer months. Doug asked if we can inquire with our staff on their vaccination status. Jessie explained that we are allowed to ask if an individual is vaccinated, but cannot

request any proof of vaccination. Jessie added there has been no outreach from participants or their parents with concerns on the policy change.

Yoga/ Pilates: The department has begun the hiring process for our vacant fitness positions. We received 6 applicants and all interviews were completed on Monday, June 21st. We are very excited with the applicants we received and feel they will provide new and refreshing fitness outlets for our community.

Evening and Weekend Supervisor: The department is still seeking an evening and weekend supervisor. Jessie explained we have continued advertising for this position and made it clear this role will be imperative to successfully run all fall programs. Jessie prompted the commission to refer any individuals that may be interested in this position.

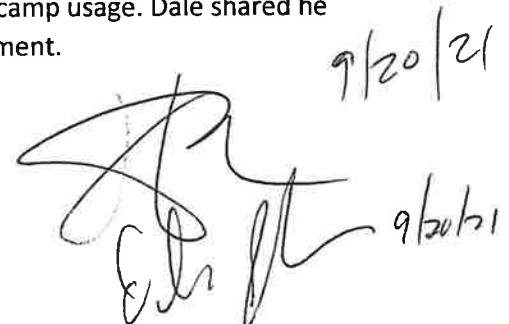
Shade structures: Jessie shared that she and Sarah had traveled to both the Hampton and North Hampton Recreation playgrounds to review shade structure options. The structures they viewed in North Hampton proved to be very durable and fit the vision Jessie and Sarah had for our playground structure. Jessie shared we would have the shade structures broken down during the winter months which would be completed by the installation company for a cost of \$300. Dale asked if we have storage for them, which Jessie confirmed we do. The playground modification was approved by the select board last week and Jessie is now seeking approval from the commission to move forward. The total cost for the project is \$45,211.00. Dale motioned to approve the expenditure of \$45,211 for the shade structures project, Jim seconded, vote unanimous.

Gymnasium Walls: Jessie shared we received no RFQs or RFPs for the wall projects. For that reason Jessie would like to move forward with the bleacher and gym floor projects. Jessie will update Fire Chief Rick Walker on the wall situation, and make it clear we are determined to get the walls addressed as soon as possible. We will plan to advertise for the walls once again in March with projected completion by summer 2022.

Gym Floor and Bleachers: Jessie shared we will be moving forward with the gym floor and bleacher projects. The bleachers have been ordered and are tentatively being installed on October 7th and 8th. Jessie is pushing to have the gym floors completed as soon as possible and is working with Dynamic Flooring to move up the start date. Jessie reminded the commission during the gym floor project we will be unable to access the recreation offices for roughly 2 weeks. Jessie is working with Connor on finding office space for us to utilize during this timeframe.

Summer Camp Wells: Jessie has been working with Beaudette Plumbing and Heating to reconfigure the summer camp wells to meet state regulations. Thus far, we have gotten the water treated to ensure it is drinkable, and installed a water bottle filling station and lockable faucet in our camp shed. The total cost for these projects was \$7,405.00. After camp has ended, we will be working to seal the wells to ensure nothing can enter them or be accessible to the public – the cost for this portion of the project is TBD. The commission asked questions on the well and how accessible it was before the updates. Doug requested we inquire with DES to find what the well requirements are for camp usage. Dale shared he would contact DES on the departments behalf to determine these requirement.

Jim motioned to adjourn at 7:03pm, Doug seconded, vote unanimous.



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