



APPROVED

Barrington, NH Recreation Commission Minutes
June 9, 2020

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

Guests: Jim Saccoccia

Absent:

Call To Order: Jim Called the meeting to order at 5:13

Old Business:

Past Minutes:

Doug Motioned to accept the May 18, 2020 minutes, Dale seconded, vote unanimous.

New Business:

Revolving Fund Report:

Beginning Balance: \$649,240.58

Ending Balance: \$549,603.29

Participant Report

There were no in person programs in May because of COVID-19, however the Department held a virtual fishing derby. There were 21 entries and over 1000 likes on our two top participants.

Steve motioned to enter non-public to discuss personnel, Doug seconded. Vote unanimous.

Doug motioned to exit nonpublic, Steve seconded.

Dale motioned to seal the nonpublic minutes; Steve seconded. Vote unanimous

Jessie informed the commission that the storage unit has been emptied and we will no longer be getting that bill.

Program Update:

The response to the summer camp cancelation was very supportive. There was one email that was negative but was resolved quickly.

The department is looking into possible summer programs that would comply with COVID guidelines. The Commission is in support of programming as possible with guideline compliance.

Jessie explained that the office hours may be adjusted to cover the potential programs during summer months due to limited staffing.

Addition update:

The department received new concepts from Careno. Jessie explained the Department's thoughts on the concepts. Jessie asked Ben Careno about costs for the proposed concepts and Ben confirmed verbally that they would be able to honor the \$190 per square foot for a ballpark of \$305,000 to be safe. Doug said that he would like to see the final project come in well below \$300,000 and that should be looked at in regard to the concepts we start with. Steve suggested to plan an extensive meeting to discuss budget and specific pricing. Jessie explained that a concept would need to be proposed in order to create a line by line budget and at this time is where we could look at where and how to eliminate costs.

Fire Separation Update:

Jessie had a conversation with Chief Walker about the necessity of creating a fire separation between the Library and gym based on JCM Code Specialists original report and conversations with Careno. Doug agreed that the department should reach out to JCM Code Specialists to get Beverly's clarification on requirements to increase the occupancy load in the gym. After clarifying with Beverly, Jessie will then bring Beverly's updated report to Chief Walker and the Fire Marshal and then discuss with Careno.

Jessie explained the departments apprehension expending the revolving fund while no revenue is coming in and no certainty when revenue will start coming in again. The fire separation will have to be addressed financially by the department and moving forward with the addition as well as the wall will significantly lower the Revolving Fund. Jim Saccoccia said the select board's consensus was that they would not pay for the fire separation. The department has looked at the revolving fund and thought of ways to cut the budget such as reducing hour for some positions. Due to COVID the department is in a tighter financial situation. Jim Saccoccia suggested putting the fire separation back out to bid if the addition is put on hold. Dale asked if that means we are putting the rest of the gym updates on hold; the consensus was yes. Jessie has talked with Dan Moulis about moving programming to the schools and contacted the Fire Marshal for a waiver to extend the timeline of the walls.

Jessie explained that the before and after school care is operating in the red because of the 5-year plan to increase pricing gradually, the commission felt that that was something that could be relooked at.

Dale asked about the potential of the Food Pantry moving and it was determined that it is still not a viable option.

Steve said that space was the biggest concern of the Town Administrator in the fall and felt that continuing with the addition was the top priority because it has the least amount of impact while the department is shut down. Doug felt that the department should continue to work with Careno on finalizing the concepts. Jim said most businesses he works with are planning based on 50% of regular revenue. The commission discussed the priority of the addition and the fire separation. Dale said both projects are necessary. Jim Saccoccia asked if addressing the walls first would be a possible option. Jessie explained that if we fixed the walls first that it would push the addition out until August 2021 because it would be too large of a project financially to take on without revenue. Steve expressed that he feels the addition should come first. Dale said that the commission wants honest open dialogue with the select board. Jim Saccoccia asked how long it took to get the revolving fund where it is. Jessie said 10-12 years to reach the level it is at. In the past few years it hasn't been growing much because the needs of wants of the community are paramount and the department has taken on many financial responsibilities to meet the needs of the community at no burden to the taxpayer. Jessie explained that she felt there was not enough of a plan with the revolving fund in the past. Jim Saccoccia expressed

concerned with operating KAP in the red. Jessie explained that the five-year plan was implemented to meet the needs of the community as well as the financial needs of the department. Jimmy suggested a meeting between the select board and the rec commission about a general understanding of the goals and decisions of both boards. Dale asked we wait for the more solid numbers on the walls before scheduling that meeting. Doug suggested considering the MOU for the meeting. Dale suggested it be a work session instead of a traditional meeting. Jim Saccoccia will talk to Conner about scheduling a work session with the Recreation Commission and the Select Board.

Doug Motioned to adjourn at 7:08, Steve seconded, vote unanimous.

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