



Barrington Recreation Commission

Monthly Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 12, 2018

PRESENT: Tara Barker, Jill Hilfiker, Jim Noble, Steve Graves and Lisa Allis

Guests Present: Dennis Haug, Marie Harris, Susan Settele, Michelle Lemos and Sam Bolduc

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m.

Sam Bolduc and Marie Harris started a presentation by the Barrington Library Foundation to get the Recreation Department up to speed with what they are working on for a new Library Building and how we can be involved. The Barrington Library Foundation was started in 2015 to construct a new library building. The foundation did a feasibility study on whether or not the town would support a new building and then started raising funds based on plans similar to that of the proposed Town Hall plans for Ramsdell Lane. Fund raising kicked off around three months ago with a core group and has raised around \$200,000 to date in pledges and donations. The goal is to raise \$500,000 or more and to obtain a bond for \$4.9 million to \$5 million dollars for the space. The Library Foundation provided a booklet with pictures for the Recreation Commission to review. Their initial plan is to build in a basement to be used for some library storage and possible Recreation space. The library will need half of the basement space, leaving around 1,750 square feet for Recreation space to be build out as needed. The design will be part and parcel of the architectural design and the total filling out could run between \$80,000 and \$100,000. The Library would not be involved in that part of the planning. The Library Foundation is hoping that the Recreation Commission will sponsor the 1,750 area by contributing a donation of \$50,000 and then that portion of the building would be named for the Recreation Department. Marie Harris feels that the Library and Recreation constituents make up the majority of the town as the library has 4,000 card holders. She would like to see everyone on board to create a community campus. They have begun a two phase program with regards to collecting donations, in phase one they are currently presenting to larger \$ donors and in June will open up phase two where they will work on getting any sized donations.

Michelle Lemos proposed that the Library Trustees and the Recreation Commission approach the Select Board together to gain permission for the Recreation Department to take over the current Library space when they vacate. The current usable space is 3,739 square feet. The Library and Recreation Department work closely in programming and should work together to plan for the new building.

Susan Settele is in charge of the public relations for the Library Foundation and would like to work together to plan to incorporate a community campus. She would like to put together a marketing plan that includes recreation. They are coming up with a Face Book page and web pages for funding and would like to reach all pockets of people in town. Susan presented a handout of ideas that the Library and Recreation Department can work on together. She is looking for collaboration and would have the Library put out materials at Recreation Community events.

Tara asked for clarification on what will happen with the well that is used for summer camp. The well and well house were going to need to be moved if the Town Hall plan had been approved. The Library Foundation was not clear on what would need to be done but will follow up with the architect.

The Library Trustees and Foundation would like to take their proposal for a new building to the voters in 2019 to have the bond approved. They have figured that the bond will have a \$147 impact on a \$300,000 home for the first year and will decrease as the bond is paid down. The current middle school bond will be paid off in 2022.

Marie Harris, Sam Bolduc, Michelle Lemos and Susan Settele left and there was some discussion on their request. Lisa Allis has a concern on such a large donation and what is the legality of making a donation from the Recreation Revolving fund. We will need to delve into the financial feasibility of making a donation too, as we currently have several large projects going. Jim Noble feels that we should invest in the new building. The discussion was tabled until we work through the other items we are working on.

Jill made a motion that a fourth set of keys be made and given to Steve Graves. Jim seconded the motion and it was voted on unanimously.

Greenplay had to cancel tonight's meeting with us due to a death in one of their families. The meeting has been rescheduled to Monday, March 19, 2018 at 6:00p.m. The project is currently two months behind schedule. Tara has a conference call with them at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday and will be doing the paperwork to prep for Monday's meeting.

The MOU was accepted by the Select Board and signed by Casey and Lisa. Jill motioned to accept the MOU as signed, Steve seconded the motion and it was voted on unanimously.

Previous meeting minutes were tabled to allow the correction of MOU work to be added.

Scholarship applications are due to us on April 30, 2018. Stacy is sending them to the schools on Wednesday.

The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be on March 31, 2018 starting at 11:00 a.m. We are working with a full collaboration with the Library this year, running one program instead of two. The event will start with story time in the gym and then the children will be brought down to the field for the egg hunt, there are three different age groups and story time and the egg hunts will be run separately for each group. The prizes for the event will be provided by the Library and the candy will be provided by the Recreation Department. See attached card for program details.

Jill asked that Tara have Ryan wear Recreation attire during programming so that it is easy to spot that he works at the Recreation Department.

The Fishing Derby will be held May 5th, 2018. The permit has already been submitted to the State and the fish ordered. The pond will be stocked on May 4, 2018. The State matched the purchase again this year for a total of 250 fish.

Preschool Prom will be held May 19, 2018.

Program Report – see attached. Zumba, Yoga and Pilates had 67 participants. Yoga and Pilates have been most affected by the snow this year. February Vacation camp had 37 participants and went well. It was not a record year for numbers but was a decent year. One of the directors came down with the flu during the camp so Deb Tatham worked the mornings but stayed and ran the afternoon program when asked. She did a great job. Ryan took over when he arrived, he is still learning but did well. Rumpus room has 68 participants to date. It got a slow start due to the warm fall weather. Basketball had 185 participants. Andy was hired to run the program while Jessie was out on leave. Andy did well though there were a few hiccups that will be addressed for next year. Movie nights did not go over well

this year. Tara cancelled the third movie. Tara, Stacy and Jessie are talking about summer movies. Ryan can host those now that the evening and weekend position has been filled. The ski program had a total of 27 adults and youths. The program started three years ago with 140 participants. Gunstock keeps upping their pricing and dropping the number of weeks in the programs. They cancelled their adult program so we lost all of the adults. Tara will look for a new mountain to run the program through for next year. Jill asked about offering a program where parents do not have to go and transportation is provided. Tara will look into it but feels that it will be costly. We need to advertise in September to run the program. Steve mentioned looking into Picard Transportation and will also look into different mountains. Before and After care current year is at 159. 2018/2019 registration was held and we filled the MAP program in 5 hours. ASK has 35-36 again but is not maxed out yet. The site supervisor is doing a fantastic job. Curling had 10 registered participants. Garth would like to do t-shirts for next year. There may have been some attendees that did not register.

Finance Report: Year end 2017 does not include the Q4 bill. Tara spoke to Abby regarding the bill and it is not available due to the software change at the Town Hall. Tara asked that the bill be made available next week as we don't want to fall into a pattern of being behind two or three bills. The December 2017 revolving fund ending balance was \$659,961.54 and Tara estimates that the Q4 bill will be around \$83,000 which is on target for budget. The Q4 bill should come out in March 2018 and the first Greenplay bill will be received around March 26, 2018. The Greenplay bills will need to be paid through the regular system and added to the quarterly bills. Tara will correct the bottom cells on the spreadsheet and send an update via e-mail.

Playground quotes came in. Tara will open them tomorrow and bring them to us to review on Monday.

Floor resurfacing will be discussed at a future meeting

Steve mentioned that he would like to see more comments on the Recreation Face Book page.

The next meeting is Monday, March 19, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was found in good order and was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

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