

Barrington Recreation Commission

Monthly Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 18, 2019

PRESENT: Tara Barker, Dale Sylvia, Dennis Haug, Doug Langdon, Jim Noble, Steve Graves, Jill Hilfiker and Tracey Hardekopf. Non-member: Danielle Snook

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

Meeting minutes for August 2018. Dale motioned to approve these minutes, Jill seconded the motion and it was voted on unanimously. The meeting minutes from January 2019 were reviewed. Steve motioned to approve these minutes, Jill seconded the motion and it was voted on unanimously.

Regarding the 1/19 meeting minutes, the Recreation Commission has asked the Library on three different occasions to confirm the location of the well/septic of the proposed new library. The Recreation Commission would like follow up and would like to hear from the library in regards to the questions they have asked.

Program report: The February 2019 program report was reviewed. Jill noted that the date for the June 2019 meeting date should be the 17th not the 18th. The Director will be update the schedule on the monthly meeting agendas.

Revolving Fund beginning balance was \$598,655.59. The Revolving Fund ending balance is \$516,667.20. The 2018 total expenses were \$485,759.12. The Director will pull the Playground bills and the GreenPlay bills and make sure everything was billed correctly. Steve motioned to accept the February 2019 Revolving Fund Report. Dennis 2nd the motion.

New Business

Dale asked if there are any updates on the 14/15-year-old seatbelt law. The Director let the Recreation Commission know that the issue is status quo, and a plan is in place. Tracy suggested that the Director follow up with the Town Attorney as well as the state as every call that is placed you may get a different answer or the answer you are looking for. The Director made it clear that she didn't agree with that approach.

The Selectboard would like to review the MOU with the Recreation Commission. The Director felt the review was more of a yearly formality, however Selectperson Hardekopf felt that there was more of a specific reason. The reason she felt that it came up was that the Highway Department only billed the Recreation Commission for \$3,000 of the work done at the Playground, however the Selectboard was under the impression that it would be between \$10,000-\$15,000. Selectperson Hardekopf feels that there is a need for an internal process for inter-department billing and feels that this new process will need to be including in the MOU. There were various questions including: isn't it appropriate for the new policy to be included within the Town Policy? The Recreation Commission is bound to follow Town Policy per the MOU, why repeat the policy within the MOU?

Steve will attend the 4/20 egg hunt event

Dale will attend the 5/11 fishing derby event

Public Comment

Danielle Snook spoke in regards to the Before & After School program.

Questions that Danielle had: can the Kindergarten participants be moved to the ECLC and have a program started specifically for them?; What are the challenges?; Is it space?; Cost?; Staff?; Can the 4th graders be bussed to the Middle School?


4/15/19


Dale J. Hardekopf
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The Director responded: There was a Kindergarten program for two years. It operated out of the ECLC, 5 staff members and approx.. 15-17 participants. The overhead and expenses were too high to continue to successfully operate the program. Supplies, snacks, salaries were just some of the overhead. It was not a financially viable program. The staffing at the program was a hurdle because the buses do not drop off at the ECLC and a good portion of the staff take the buses from their high schools to the program to work.

Currently 50 people on the 2019-2020 waitlist; there has never been a waitlist this large as there are typically 20-30 people.

There is a meeting on Wednesday with the School District Administration, a local business owner, Town Administrator, Deputy Town Administrator, Recreation Director, Assistant Recreation Director. It is not evident whether a solution will come out of this meeting, however it is a continuation of the conversation started in January 2019.

Jill motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m., Jim seconded the motion and it was voted on unanimously.

The next meeting is Monday, April 15, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.