

Barrington, NH Recreation Commission Minutes
March 30, 2020

Present: Dale Sylvia, Doug Langdon, Steve Graves, Jessica Tennis, Sarah Bailey

Guests: Tracy Hardekopf

Absent: Jim Noble

Call To Order: 4:30 Dale called the meeting to order

Old Business:

COVID-19 Payment Schedule

The commission discussed the viability of continuing to pay employees for an additional two weeks. Steve asked what the total cost to the revolving fund would be. The cost for an additional two weeks would be \$10,734.86. Jessie reminded the commission that the MAP program is already operating in the red for this year because of the Program Coordinator position.

Steve asked if Jessie had discussed with Conner if we will be reimbursed for the money spent during this time. Conner told Jessie he was unsure if we will or won't be refunded. Steve asked Tracy if she had any more information. Tracy said that her understanding that as a municipality we are not reimbursable. She said she was unsure if it affect us differently because most of our fees are participation fees and not tax dollars. Tracy said not to rely on it.

Jessie recommended the commission pay employees for an additional and final two weeks. She then suggested having a work session based on how much money is left in the revolving fund and prioritize projects based on that.

Dale motioned to pay employees for two additional weeks with the understanding that the two weeks will be the end of payment until the department returns to normal functions. Steve seconded, vote unanimous.

Steve suggested we reach out to Jim Noble to see what we classify as a department to look further into the possibility of being refunded. Jessie said she would do some legwork.

New Business:

Work Session

Dale, Steve and Doug are available to move the work session up to Monday, April 6 as long as Jim is also available. Jessie said she would reach out to Jim to see if he is available for that.

Dale said he was flexible to make a work session on a weekend. Doug is available for Saturday, Steve is also available.

Jessie will reach out to Jim to see when he is available.

Town Employees

Steve asked Tracy what the town was doing in regard to their employees. She said that the majority of town employees are still working their budgeted hours remotely.

He also asked if employees had to use sick time for COVID-19 related absences. Jessie recounted a conversation with Conner regarding Families First Coronavirus Response Act that covers absences related to COVID-19.

Bills

Jessie asked how the commission wanted to sign bills and what happens to bills without signatures. She said that while she was in the Assistant Director position she observed them being submitted without signatures. Dale said that the request for monthly signatures was commission driven in the last two years. Dale offered to sign them in the gym.

Doug motioned to adjourn at 5:12, Steve seconded.

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