Barrington, NH Recreation Commission Minutes



September 20, 2021

Present: Doug Langdon, Dale Sylvia, Jim Noble, Steve Graves, Jessica Tennis

Guests:

Select Board Liaison: Not in attendance

Absent: Alex McCormack-Kuhman, Sarah Bailey and Hildi Ahee

Call to Order: Dale Called the meeting to order at 6:01pm

Old Business:

Jessie reviewed the Agenda and received rec commissioner signatures on required bills.

New Business:

Revolving Fund Report:

Starting balance: \$683,048.25 Ending balance: \$700,583.51

Jessie also touched upon the anticipated quarter 3 bill, which was projected at \$116,704.58

Doug brought up the issue of bills being signed and how only one recreation commission member has been signing them lately. The board discussed reminders to check commission emails and also had a discussion about bills being sent out on Thursdays rather than Friday's to allow another 24 hours for commissioners to review and sign.

Doug also motioned to add \$100,000 as a place holder for the Redemption Rd lot to ensure we are earmarking funds for that project. As well as possibly asking for a Capital Reserve Fund/Warrant Article in the future.

Program Report: The department had 127 youth sports participants, 95 campers as well as 34 adult drop in's for a total of 256 participants for the month of August.

Jessie gave a report on the adult drop in programs. There was a discussion about following SAU 74 rules while at their buildings. The department will continue to follow SAU 74 rules while utilizing those buildings.

After much review, we have decided to cancel Rumpus Room due to COVID 19 and we will plan to re-start that program in 2022.

Trunk of Treat has been rebranded as "Fall Festival" and is taking place on October 23rd. We will have the traditional trunk or treat as well as an outdoor craft fair, games, crafts, etc. for people to participate in. Jessie is working with Top Water Brewery to evaluate BBQ options and may reach out to Smokin Barrels, which is new to town.

There was discussion about alcohol being served on town property. Unfortunately due to the Fire/Police chief not being comfortable with this, we have tabled this section of the event and plan to re-evaluate in the future once more concrete policies and procedures are put in place.

Jessie went over the 2022 Operating Budget. The commission talked about who would attend the presentations or if this was something the Recreation Director felt comfortable with. At this time, it is the plan to have the Director make the presentation with one RC available for questions if they arise.

The Recreation Commission is willing to take all remaining line items excluding Wages, Benefits and ET buyout for an additional year, as talked about during the 2020 budget season. This will be reevaluated each year pending Recreational financial standing.

Jessie gave an update on the RFQ. There was one company, Solid Roots Construction that took part in the facility walk through. We will continue to advertise this RFQ and work on this project.

Jessie also touched upon the other facility projects including newly resurfaced gym floor, bleachers, shade structures, and the outdoor pavilion. The gym floor is completed and will be utilized for our current programs. The commission members were very pleased with how the project turned out. Both the shade structures and bleachers have been ordered and set to be delivered/installed by the end of October. The Pavilion will be designed exactly like the pavilion at the Little River Park in Lee. Once complete, we will utilize this pavilion for programs such as vacation camps, summer camp, summer concert series, and other outdoor community events.

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