

Rec Comm Meeting 11-7-23

Call to order 6:01

Matt Frye, TJ Therriault, Dave Ruth present

Staff: Rec Director Scott Blewitt

Wade Sauls arrived at 6:07

1) Approval of September meeting minutes

Mr. Ruth motioned to approve as written. Mr. Therriault seconded.

Motion passed 3-0 with no discussion

2) TA&SBC meeting update

Mr. Sauls met with town administrator and BOS Chair to discuss rec commission roles and responsibilities again. Looks like nothing is going to change in the short term. No further information was made available.

- Mr. Sauls will reach out to TA to suggest expending 2023 warrant article fund on engineering plans or loam for upper field

3) Plan & Athletic fields update –

- a. There was discussion of 2023 warrant article expenditures as well as some questions relative to whether or not the BOS had approved the last commission approved design for the fields

4) Coaches clinic rec basketball?

Still being worked out with CBNA. Coaches clinic and ref training. Ref clinic organized by Barrington. Coach clinic is Northwood.

- Mr. Sauls will hand off contact info for potential coach clinic leader if CBNA doesn't work out

5) Director update

Per Mr. Blewitt:

- Soccer is over. Things went well
- Fall vendor fair \$1720 in revenue
- Trunk or Treat went well with 1000+ participants.
 - Not enough donated candy
 - Only ten bags or so donated
 - The number of trunks seems to have plateaued while treaters have increased.
 - General consensus is that we were ok this year, but we need to be vigilant for future programs if participation trends continue.
- Benches from lower sports field have been moved to baseball field.
 - Thank you to Brett Belanger
- Basketball – 81 player 1-3rd \$4,080 in revenue

- 31 ½ boys and girls combined
 - 10 ¾ boys
 - 8 ¾ girls
 - 11 5/6 boys
 - 10 5/6 girls
- Gunstock registration is set
 - 9 pass-only
 - 26 lessons and pass
 - Scott will follow up with the two families who need to pay.
- Lawnmower was brought down to highway building today. Side X Side will go down shortly. Both will be maintained by Public Works and then returned for storage in the container at rec fields.
- Lions Club has filed a permit for use of the beaches for ice racing
 - Scott was given consensus to sign approval
- Steve Robert wants to attach a weather station at the pumphouse at field.
 - There was some question related to liability for damage to the building.
 - General consensus was given to permit the use.
- Letters from Santa will start soon. Mailbox will be at town hall
 - Scott has a list going for responses.
 - Need more writers for response letters.
- Mr. Blewitt shared gifts policy. There is a family that wants to donate a bench to the athletic fields in memory of CBNA student who passed.
- Operation Landshare Program
 - Signage for safety zone is imperative
- Christmas tree at Town Hall
 - Option one
 - Cut Down current tree and plant a new one
 - Option Two
 - Leave tree and put a second one over where Center School was
 - Commission's consensus is that the tree should be removed, and a new tree planted.
- Santa Parade and tree lighting Dec 3 at 3:00
 - Police and Fire are happy with the current route and see no need for modification
- Committee Membership
 - Mr. Frye will draft a description of the commission member job description for review at December meeting
- Revolving Fund
 - There is now a second revolving fund intended for reconciliation and will never have more than \$100 in it.
- Any Friends of Rec Updates?
 - Mr. Blewitt wants to improve communication with Friends of Rec
 - Dave commented that the bigger issue is keeping them separate.

- Mr. Frye mentioned that we could solicit more people on programs like pancake breakfast if we go through RecDesk
- Mr. Blewitt says he is just looking to improve communication
- Mr. Frye suggested a liaison between Friends of Rec and Commission
 - Conversaton continued that it makes sense to ask core stakeholders for updates prior to monthly meetings
 - Friends of Rec
 - Friends of Library
 - Lions
 - Rotary
 - Black Bear
 - Baseball
 - Crankpullers
 - Beanhole Bash
- Christmas Tree burn January 5. Been given ok by BOS
- Mr. Blewitt met with Hannaford today regarding community involvement.
 - Giving Tree
 - Already Exists with Santa's Helpers
 - Rec will help to promote the program
 - Book Bin program
- Meeting with Woods Grille tomorrow to discuss community programs
- Budget – Mr. Blewitt shared the proposed budget. The total is increased, but the writing on the wall is that budgets need to be bare bones. The Rec Commission had no substantive recommendations for change to department request.

6) Member updates

- Mr. Ruth is grateful that the electrical at the pavilion was completed.
- Mr. Ruth is concerned about the bean hole still covered by corrugated metal
 - Mr. Blewitt stated that a cover is being fabricated, but he has received no further information.
- Mr. Therriault stated that there are three available scholarships from Gunstock for ski program participants in financial need.
 - Mr. Therriault will follow up with school to let them know the scholarships exist.
 - Two children that Mr. Therriault has identified will be offered two of the three.
 - A policy and procedure for scholarship should be implemented in the next several months.

7) Other new business

8) Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Frye second by Mr. Therriault. Motion passes 4-0 without discussion.