

Northwood Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes of Sept 5, 2023

Vice Chait Wade Sauls called the meeting to order at 6:05PM

Present: Dave Ruth, Matt Frye, TJ Therriault

Staff: Scott Blewitt, Rec Director.

D Ruth motioned to approve minutes of August meeting. TJ seconded

Discussion regarding inaccuracies in facilities for which Rec is responsible
Mr Sauls explained that those items will be discussed later in meeting

Motion passed 3-1 with Mr. Ruth voting no

Mr. Ruth made motion to appoint Wade Sauls chair. Mr. Frye seconded
Motion passes 3-0-1 with Mr Sauls abstaining.

Mr. Sauls motions nomination of Mr. Frye as vice chair
Motion passed 4-0

Facilities discussion

Scott Blewitt expressed concern that the following facilities are not under Rec control but were listed as such:

Lucas Pond

Northwood Lake boat launch

Mary Waldron Boat Launch

Adopt a spots

Community Center

Mr Sauls will email TA and copy Scott asking for clarity on facility responsibilities.

There was discussion of which of those facilities might fall under the Rec, with varied opinions on which should or should not be controlled by the department.

Field Status

Electric needs to be double checked. Mr. Blewitt will double check on the status. It is theoretically done, but Mr Ruth says he saw it today and it needs work.

Beth Boudreau arrived 6:40

Field loaming

Loaming needs to be completed, but there is discussion about the funding. Mr Sauls will go to the Sept 12 BOS meeting to ask for clarification.

Concession stand being moved near pavilion

Basketball and tennis courts moved to east side of field

Motion to approve updated map by Mr. Therriault. Seconded by Mr. Ruth. Motion passed 5-0

For BOS

Mr. Sauls and Ms. Boudreau will address the following with BOS and Town Administrator:

Warrant expenditures - Loaming

Facilities under Rec Department control

Is the gravel pile going to be used for parking areas?

Park plan update

LWCF grant update from Mr. Frye

State parks had concerns about accessibility

Mr. Blewitt will manage punch list items

Finance Director will manage financials

Non-profit collaboration

Mr Sauls explained that Friends of Rec is working to get upper fields completed. School has basketball courts, baseball fields, etc. is there an opportunity to work with school to update and use facilities at school? We need more consolidated efforts between municipality and non-profits.

The commission reached consensus that a meeting with school and Rec to review MOU should be scheduled. Ideally that meeting would include baseball, lacrosse, school, and town.

Director updates

CIP requests have been submitted

Community center, Lucas Pond renovations, and storage building at the fields are included.

Fall soccer - 135 participants

43 vendors for fall vendor fair

Archery is full

12 youth

8 adults

Pumpkin carving party at vendors fair

Oct 28 trunk or treat and foam bash

Xmas tree burn and fireworks First Friday in January

Fire requires Rec commission approval

Dave motioned to approve fireworks and tree burning in January

No second.

Quotes for fencing on lower field

Needs another quote and the two quotes don't match in terms of scope

Mr. Blewitt shared budget update. He will be working on 2024 budget over the coming weeks.

Member Updates

Mr. Therriault:

Is there interest in bus for Gunstock? Mr Blewitt is speaking to Jessica Torosian who drives bus about possibly driving for the Gunstock program.

Mr. Therriault volunteered to one again manage logistics for the Gunstock program.

Mr Sauls made amotion to adjourn at 8:08

Ms. Boudreau seconded. Motion passed 4-1 with Mr. Ruth voting no

Submitted October 3, 2023 by Matthew Frye