

Meeting Minutes 11/4/2024

Members Present: Maura Wygmans, Julie Phelps, Elisa Miller, Say Koerner, Robin Reid

Members via Zoom – Bill Fraser-Harris, Paul Plante, Emily Vatis

Others Present: . Zac Farnham-Haskell , Recreation Director, Natalie Kanner, Selectboard Member; James Sestokes, Community Member

1.0 Call to Order – 5:30 by Julie

2.0 Adjustments to the Agenda

1. Discuss Accessibility at the Beach- involve Kelly Brush

3.0 Public Comments and Communication

1. J. Sestokes spoke about disc golf. Would like to add tee-pads. They could use concrete pads or pavers. Jim has a plan and estimate. Would like it to be considered as a budget item. Posts are starting to rot and would need to be replaced. The pavers/pad would replace the posts. Pavers would be 1x1 – so pad could be 3'x6'. Would also like to add a sign that shows the course. Approximately 2,785 rounds in 2024. Jim has a group of volunteers, would like to build one pad – 18 bricks. \$85/pad and leave it for winter. 9 pads total. Julie requested a proposal from Jim to present to the Selectboard. The proposal will be reviewed at the next Recreation Commission Meeting. Bill suggested that Jim touch base with Rich Steele about modifications to the course.

4.0 Minutes – Approve Minutes: Oct 7, Oct 21

4.1 October 7th Meeting Minutes approved with Amendments 4-0, M. Wygmans Abstained.

4.2 October 21st Meeting Minutes approved 5-0

5.0 Discussion / Action Items (times are approximate)

5.1 Rec Director update

- a. 20 kids signed up for Ski and Ride so far. The sign up is on the website and included in the school Newsletter.
- b. Zac is meeting with Julie tomorrow to review the budget
- c. Zac contacted MyRec about adding a card reader for payments at the beach. It is complicated and would need to change the platform. Processing Fees for credit cards are passed along to users. Cost is \$400 for terminal plus \$80/month for hotspot at the beach.

- d. 38 participants for indoor pickleball starting this week
- e. Tree work happening this week. Zac will let Emily know when the courts will be closed.
- f. New Pavilion/Bathhouse – \$150-300K. Long term goal. Might need to go for the next cycle in 4 years. Talk with Library about their fundraising efforts. Would it be possible to get money donated by March? Does there need to be article on Town Meeting Day?
 - 5.1.1 Volunteer coaches, incentive – 50% off registration for a future activity. Would 100% be easier? It would have to be a credit for future? Could there be a CODE for discount? Recommend 100% incentive.
 - 5.1.1.1 Maura made a motion that Zac institute a 100% off incentive for volunteer coaches. Motion passed 5-0.
 - 5.1.1.2 Zac has a scholarship Form. It can be reviewed at the December meeting.

5.2 Sport court subcommittee update – No bathrooms at the beach. Signs should be put in the bulletin board and made larger

5.3 Selectboard Meeting Nov 18

5.3.1 FY26 Budget Presentation – Zac and Julie will meet tomorrow to review.

5.3.2 RFB for Rec Shed and Rink Electric Panel – discuss with Natalie Kanner the idea of fixing the electrical panel. There was a walk-through on Friday. Current electrical panel is a liability. Panel replacement costs \$5,000 approximately. According to Bill, the hut is OK. Wiring to the poles for lights is questionable. Bill is concerned about adding a timer to the lights. If the lights turn off, then people are skating in the dark. Zac will get the RFB ready for approval by the Selectboard.

5.4 Bath house – needs to be renovated, but accessibility is difficult

5.4.1. Selectboard request - roof repair / RIF – could the \$9K be used to repair the roof? It doesn't seem to be a good idea to spend the money on repairs if the building would be replaced.

Natalie mentioned that a Community Day in Town would be nice. It could be a coordinated effort with all the different committees. All members of the community could be included.

Natalie mentioned that the Recreation Commission might want to consider changing the day that it meets so that Natalie could attend more regularly. Natalie would also like a brief summary of recreation commission activities to present to the Selectboard.

5.4.2 Grant opportunity/fundraising discussion – The grant is only available every 4 years (Zac amended this after the meeting. The grant is available every 2 years.)

6:15p – **5.5** Capital planning discussion – Plan to hold a separate meeting

6:20p – **5.6** Rink maintenance & winter usage discussion – Bill is managing rink opening

Could we use the remaining money set aside for septic system repairs for new BBQ grills? Maybe add stone around grills?

6.0 Commissioners Comments/Any Other Business

7.0 Next Regular Meeting – Dec 9th, Second Monday of the Month

8.0 Adjournment – 7:18