

Waterbury Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes 5/11/16

Members present: Eric Weeber, Herschell Murry, Bill Minter, Diane Gildea, Deb Fowler (Interim Summer Program Director)

Absent: Frank Spaulding

Guest Introductions: Paul Lawson, Barb Blauvelt, Phoebe Pelkey, Tami Bass, , Bill Woodruff, Pat Householder, Steve Wing, Phil Baker, Don Schneider, Bill Shepeluk -5 min.

1. Note taker: Eric Time keeper: Tami
 Summarizer (Clarifies discussions/decisions): Herschell -5 min.

2. Adopt Meeting Agenda: -5 min.
 - A. Motion to Adopt: Herschell
 - B. 2ND: Eric
 - C: Discussion: D. Vote: Passes

3. Adopt Meeting Minutes from April 13TH, 2016: -5 min.
 - A. Motion to Adopt: Herschell
 - B. 2ND: Bill M.
 - C. Discussion: D. Vote: Passes

5. Summer Program Director Report- Deb Fowler: -20 min.
 - Summer Camp update: 75 out of 80 participants have enrolled. Staff is hired for both day camp and pool. June 1ST is a work day at Anderson; Keurig has offered free labor. Pool will open to CBMS on June 10TH. Lifeguard candidates must pay for training and certification; reimbursed at the end of the summer season.
 - Adult Tennis: Recreation Committee will make a recommendation as to whether it is feasible for the Town to charge the free Adult Tennis program \$50 per session and still have this popular program continue.

4. Recreation Director Search Committee update: -10 min.

Search committee for the Recreation Director, to be filled by one Select Board member, two Recreation Committee members: Frank and Diane, and one Municipal Staff member, in addition to W. Shepeluk and B. Gilpin.

Bill Shepeluk reports the Cemetery Commission can manage administration without assistance from the new Recreation Director. Recreation Director position will be 40 hours/week dedicated solely to recreation. Currently there are 35 applicants; narrowed down to 12 and

subsequently down to 8 qualified candidates. Search committee (Bill S., Frank, Diane, Bill W., Don S., Beth Gilpin) will meet on Tuesday the 17TH of May at 7 PM to peruse/discuss resumes.

6. Pickleball players request for painted lines on the tennis courts- Pat Householder: -15 min.

Pat H.: Contacted VPA and members of Williston, Essex and Colchester Recreation committees and reported no issues.

Tami: Has offered "throw down" temporary lines and a portable net for the PB players to try.

Pat: Where and how would the temporary nets be stored?

Bill W: Spoke with lining company who suggested different color than white for lines. Cost to paint lines is not significant.

Bill M.: Suggested that an experiment with PB lines could help determine whether PB lines would enhance the courts.

Steve W.: PB is the fastest growing sport in the US. Recommends doing 2 courts. Typically has 8-10 players on a morning.

Tami: There are tape residue marks on the existing courts; can the residue be painted?

Timeline:

Motion: Herschell moves to paint the 2 tennis courts, which are not under the lights, with complementary colors for PB play.

2ND: Bill

Vote: 2 aye and 1 nay: Passes

Email from Josh Hanna, HUHS Tennis Coach (nets)

Hi Eric

Thanks for reaching out and considering some of my thoughts about the pickleball lines that effect Harwood.

Here are some of my concerns.

1: a facility has to have 3 courts to have a high school match. If the quality of the courts becomes a issue with coaches and both courts are painted we would then only have 2 courts, which is not enough.

This began to happen at the Bridges with regards to using clay courts. There is no precedent with the VPA ruling against pickleball lines because this is a new trend. I am also uncertain about new USTA rules.

2: the lines will be distracting no matter what color they are painted because of their location. The lines are very close to the service lines and the singles sideline and could easily be confused by all players.

3: Net height for both games differ by two inches and I've noticed the inconsistency of the net being returned to tennis height. I'm not sure how to equip the public with the best way (crank or center strap) to ensure both games always have the proper net height.

I believe there is compromise and here are some possible solutions.

1: pickleball lines could be painted over by the basketball court. I believe there is enough space there.

2: You can make 2 pickleball courts on 1 tennis court. They do make portable nets and this is sacrificing 1 tennis court instead of two. This would also prevent the adjusting of the height of the tennis net by having their own portable nets.

3: I saw pickleball lines on the Colchester courts and they were painted tan on a blue background and they were less distracting than the white I see on our courts now.

Overall, as a coach and taxpayer, I hope the investment put into these beautiful courts is not compromised with the addition of the lines. Before two courts are ruined, I wonder if there is data of use that supports the need for two courts.

Thanks, Eric.

Josh

7. Governance Document- Diane: -15 min. (See Governance Doc)

Committee members will report back at the next meeting with suggested edits. Carla Lawrence will be contacted with regards to the allowed number of members on the committee.

Discussion of the officers and the importance of an official secretary

Term limits - agreed upon Herschel's language, resignations

Duties and Powers to be invested in the recreation committee.

Rec. committee recommendations to the Select Board vs directly to town manager and other town employees

Committee jurisdiction, subcommittees, relations to full committee and town

Boundaries of events / community events that take place on rec and park lands but may or may not be Committee events.

Governance Document will be an ongoing agenda item for future rec committee meetings. Please read draft(s) and bring edits, ideas for discussion.

8. Potential new Waterbury Recreation Committee Members: -10 min.

Persons interested in joining the Waterbury Recreation Committee are encouraged to attend several meetings in order to comfortably share in the give and take of open exchanges and eventually clarify their personal areas of recreation interests. (Share Mission statement)

Tami Bass

Paul Lawson

Phoebe Pelkey

Barbara Blauvelt

Elizabeth Magnan

9. Dac Rowe Pavilion: -15 min.

Should the Recreation Committee demand a retraction of Stanley Blow's misquote, misinterpretation of our statement in the Waterbury Record?

Deemed moot.

10. Upcoming Dates of interest: -5 min.

- WATA Saturday, May 14: Waterbury Swap Meet
- USTA Play Day Saturday, May 28TH 10:00 AM -noon
- CCC Trail Clean up 1ST weekend in June
- Kidsfest: June 4TH

11. Pending items: -5 min.

- Winterfest funding report: bike park, bike racks, Summer Program scholarships, Winterfest start up.
- Mowing disc golf park-
- Winterfest wrap up
- Center trails from Hope Davey to Harvey Farms

12. New business and agenda items for next meeting 6/08/16: -5 min

- Governance Doc
- Recreation Director Search Committee Update
- Welcome new members?
- Meet at Municipal Building: Steele Community Room
- Meeting officially adjourned at: 8:50