Approved Waterbury Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes for 12/14/16

Members present: Frank Spaulding, Herschell Murry, Barb Blauvelt, Eric Weeber, Diane Gildea,

Deb Fowler (Recreation Director), Bill Minter

Absent: Phoebe Pelkey, Don Schneider, Paul Lawson, Tami Bass (on leave)

1. Note taker: Eric Time keeper: Diane

Summarizer (Clarifies discussions/decisions): Herschell -5 min.

2. Adopt Meeting Agenda: -5 min.

A. Motion to Adopt: Diane

B. 2ND: Frank

C. Discussion: D. Vote: Passed

3. Adopt Meeting Minutes from November 9TH, 2016: -5 min.

A. Motion to Adopt: Frank

B. 2ND: Barb

C. Discussion: D. Vote: Passed

- 4. Recreation Director Report- Deb Fowler: -10 min.
 - Kids Night Out dates for December 10TH and Holiday school break have been cancelled.
 - Anderson Park ice rink will be plowed and flooded on Thursday, December 15TH.
 - River of Lights was very successful, if not a little wet, again this year. Talking with MK, who started this whole success story, we are going to look to form a committee to help run River of Lights. It is to the point that it is too big for two people to manage the whole event. Which I believe is a wonderful problem.
 - Winterfest is well on its way for planning. This year the Recreation Department will be
 helping or hosting 4 of the many great activities. Planning for the bonfire has already
 started; new this year will be a team activity for kids and teens. Working with Troop 701 we
 will be hosting an Adventure Challenge at which there will be four events to challenge
 teams to work together. We are also introducing a snowman making challenge, how many
 snowmen in an hour can the Town of Waterbury make? Last, once again the Chess
 Tournament will be held.
 - Co-ed volleyball and the WSI swim program are up and running and I am excited to have just added swim lessons on Saturdays at First in Fitness to the schedule for January. I am sad to report that not enough people signed up for the winter camp and this had to be cancelled. Before cancelling I did get names and numbers of day camp staff willing to help the families that had registered out with day care. I reached out to around 100 families to understand why this program was not embraced. Generally speaking this break is very short so there was less need for it. People do want to see the other two camps continue to be offered.
 - Heather Cutler and I are signed up for Lifeguard Trainer course. This will allow us to bring training for the Town in house as well as make us able to offer training in CPR, First aid, water safety, babysitting and so much more to the People of Waterbury. The course runs Feb 27, 28 and March 1.

- Planning has started for next summer and have some wonderful mini camps already booked and ready to go. My hope is to have a lot of summer in place at Town meeting so that people can start signing up then.
- 5. New user fees- Deb Fowler: -20 min.
 - User fees only apply for field reservations.
 - Fee increases will go into effect in 2017 for both the pool and Day Camp. All other user fees go into effect in 2018.
 - League organizers should have opportunity for comment on new fee structure.
 - <u>Motion by the Committee</u>: The Waterbury Recreation Committee recommends that prior to official adoption of the new recreation user fees, the Town Selectboard permit the Waterbury Recreation Committee to conduct a public forum for commentary by the week of January 16TH. 2ND: Frank. Approved unanimously.
 - <u>Motion by the Committee</u>: The Waterbury Recreation Committee recommends that the Waterbury Recreation Director present the proposed fee schedule as modified by the Recreation Committee to the Selectboard. 2ND: Frank. Approved unanimously.
- 6. Waterbury Recreation CIP update- Frank: -5 min.
 - Frank met with Bill Shepeluk and received positive feedback with regards to the CIP rubric
- 7. Grooming XC Trails- Herschell: -10 min.
 - Tom Thurston has been grooming track at Dac Rowe
 - Could the Town reimburse Tom for gas?
- 8. Election of Recreation Committee Officers: -15 min. -Tabled
- 9. Upcoming Dates of interest: -5 min.
 - Adult Co-ed Volleyball on Mondays 7:15-9:15 October to May. \$15 per season.
 - See Recreation opportunities at: https://www.waterburyvt.com/departments/recreation/ for full calendar of events.
- 10. Pending items: -5 min.
 - New lighting estimate- Tami:
- 11. New business and agenda items for next meeting on 1/11/17: -5 min.
 - Meeting officially adjourned at: 8:56 PM