

Approved Waterbury Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes 9-13-17

Members present: Eric Weeber, Phoebe Pelkey, Barb Blauvet, Frank Spaulding, Diane Gildea, Deb Fowler, Paul Lawson

Guest: Herschell Murry

Absent:

1. Note taker: Frank Spaulding/Eric/Bill Timekeeper: Phoebe Pelkey
Summarizer(Clarifies discussions/decisions): Diane Gildea -5 min.

2. Adopt Meeting Agenda: -5 min.

A. Motion: Frank

B. 2ND: Phoebe

C. Discussion: None

D. Vote: passed

3. Adopt Meeting Minutes from May 10th, 2017: -5 min.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1if7rD2HhCo5LSY1CxfQiRHsHSxntSbuHlqsYCUtmNjQ/edit>

Motion: Bill

A. 2ND: Phoebe

B. Discussion: none

D. Vote: passed

4. Vermont Outdoor Recreation Economic Collaborative: Frank- 5 min.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/14E5kChlU0Kc-5xnflqLyCnrAO3l00CUuET3K1HoZPIk/edit?ts=59b997cd>

The attached document summarizes the context of the report and conversation.

5. Recreation Director Report- Deb Fowler: -30 min.

There has been a lot accomplished this summer since the last Recreation Meeting, completed this summer is listed below:

·First ever opening day pool party that also landed on Not Quite Independent day. Very successful with over 180 people coming to the pool that day.

·Had a float in the parade representing Day Camp and the Pool and thanking all our sponsors for the year.

·Very successful day camp. As stated before it filled in 72 hours and we

stopped the waitlist at 20 kids.

- All Day Camp Staff went to Summerama Training provided by VRPA
- Pool membership is up again this year over last year. This was with the fee increase.
- 20 swim lessons a day were run with extra PreK swim lessons added to add both second and third session. Attendance was about the same as last year but was a challenging year for swim with the weather.
- A new playground was put in at Anderson Field.
- Six of the Seven planned weeks were run for Middle School Camp. Numbers were not high but positive feedback so far with some good suggestions for improvements next year. Partnership with Armory was very successful.
- Unlike last year where only one Mini Camp was able to run due to lack of numbers we were able to run a Young Rembrandts program, two science camps for younger kids, two sessions of Tennis lessons and one session of Voltage Soccer camp.
- Two successful Lifeguard courses run.
- MECA Day Camp is now visiting our pool once a week and taking swim lessons. This brings us to hosting a program outside of The Town Day Camp every day of the week at the pool
- Open July 4th with smaller party at the pool. I would like to expand that next year just had to many new things happening in a very short time and not enough volunteer support.
- Had a day camp from Essex Junction make our pool a field trip destination. They plan to do so again next year.
- Three major projects completed by volunteer groups, National Life set up all the community garden plots and helped mulch the Municipal Building, The Waterbury Mission Church painted the outside of the pool house and Ben and Jerry's build a new bridge to access the Disc Golf Course more safely.
- We have received \$5420 in donations this year towards Recreation from local businesses and people. These donations covered 7 full and practical

scholarships, T-shirts for every camper in Day Camp, the cost of Day Camp work shirts, jackets for the lifeguard staff so they were identifiable on deck, money towards benches that will be built in Rec Building, helped cover the cost of new front doors at both the Rec building and the Pool house.

- New front doors at the Rec building that have a window and keypad as well as new front doors at the pool house that seal and lock properly.

- Pavilion at Dac Rowe Completed.

- All South Community Garden plots rented and more North Community Gardens re added.

- 1100 people or organizations registered with our new online registration system.

- Pool staff have taken over large portion of managing chemicals and readings at the pool. This is helped relieve workload for Water Staff as well as maintained chemicals at a more balanced level throughout the day.

Things that have come to light this summer that need to be addressed and researched.

- More in-depth questionnaire for families joining our programs. Many families are not disclosing behavior or social needs that would help us plan and program better for them.

- Review how league fees are assigned. Need to have a week limit on season and also look at use of fields per league. I.e. right now it is the same fee for a league that uses one field as a league that uses every park we have.

- Assess Hope Davey Playground and start researching cost to replace it.

- Continue to research options for specialty middle school camps as well as day long mini camps.

- Start a committee to research the feasibility of developing a new recreation complex that would incorporate a new pool.

- Present to Select Board proposal to start a drop in middle school program once a month after school.

·Continue to add programs to the schedule for year-round programing.

Things coming this fall.

·We have secured a partnership with First and Fitness again this year and will be offering a Fall, Winter and Spring swim lesson schedule

·We will also be offering Lifeguard classes as well as WSI Classes as well as reaching out to local high schools to see if the Lifeguard class can be offered as a course credit.

·October will see the offering of a Walk with Ease Arthritis program at the Senior Center, a Writing Program at the Library, Young Rembrandts at the library.

·CPR course for the community at the Recreation Building.

·Drop in Co-Ed Volleyball will be Monday nights at Crossett Brook Middle School.

·I will be attending the Vermont Recreation and Parks Annual Conference Oct. 11 and 12, I will also be one of the facilitators at the session for Small Town Recreation.

Motion to accept the Director's Report: Paul

2ND: Diane

Director's Report accepted

6. Upcoming Dates of interest: -5 min.

- See Recreation opportunities at:
<https://www.waterburyvt.com/departments/recreation/> for full calendar of events.
- Walk and Roll- Wednesday, September 27TH Rusty Parker Park 7 AM. Set up at 6:30 for bagels, coffee.

7. Waterbury Recreation Bike & Pedestrian Planning: Bill- 15 min.

- VT Route 100 Corridor Management Team: From roundabout to Stowe Village
- Bill proposes a meeting with Waterbury Town Planner, Recreation Committee sub-committee and VT 100 CMT

- New Bike/Ped Master Plan Committee: Bill, Phoebe, Barb will meet on Wednesday, September 20TH @ 7 PM, Library.

8. Pending items: -5 min.

- Concept to have notes taken by objective third party, non Recreation Committee member: Deb will check into particulars in order to place a FPF ad or check with HUHS for a Senior in need of community service hours.
- Begin the process of strategic long range planning.
- Rec Committee will tentatively tour Waterbury Recreation assets on Saturday AM, the 30TH of September.
- Update on Summer Rec scholarship from Winterfest: 3 scholarships were awarded.
- List of recreation organizations

9. New business and agenda items for next meeting on 10/11/17: -5 min.

- (HM) Trash can needed at Pump track
- (HM) Daffodilization of the Village and Colbyville and.... points beyond
 - Deb to find out who is coordinating and link in Rec as needed.
- (HM) Auto show coming to Farr Field next year.
 - RW and Recreation will have to coordinate on use of town facilities.
- Indoor Pickleball request
- Weekly/Monthly Rec article in the Record/FPF
- List of Recreation assets- Diane
- FORWARD presentation- Bill will arrange

Move to adjourn: Phoebe

Second : Paul

Passed unanimously

Meeting officially adjourned at: 8:25 PM