

Draft Waterbury Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes 2-21-18

Members present: Barb Blauvelt, Phoebe Pelkey, Paul Lawson, Eric Weeber, Frank Spaulding,

Absent: Bill Minter, Diane Gildea

1. Note taker: Frank Timekeeper: Phoebe
Summarizer(Clarifies discussions/decisions): Paul -5 min.

2. Adopt Meeting Agenda: -5 min.
A. Motion: Paul to accept agenda
B. 2ND: Phoebe
C: Discussion: None
D: Vote: Passed

3. Adopt Meeting Minutes from January 10TH, 2018: -5 min.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1UAlZk3OxEkZcs-cV0aRd2lCw9kwBWfgu83PaOws722s/edit>

A. Motion: Phoebe
B. 2ND: Paul
C. Discussion: None D. Vote: passed

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

- https://docs.google.com/document/d/1buM4RXNoL1oSOIeQMICAEOQIDK6Jk1D0QEj5G_vMFIU/edit

- https://dochub.com/ericweeber/2VWRwy/skm_c30818012914400?dt=9dms7otfw9egboaz

Discussion:

Paul asked if the programming has seasonal highs and lows or more consistent

Deb - Programming is moving toward a more consistent coverage with seasonal focus and age diversification.

Paul asked about if rec could provide first aid lessons to general public and businesses. Recommended expansion of that knowledge.

Deb - yes - fees not set. Although recent trainings have covered equipment purchases now simply maintenance.

Frank - does planned program offerings represent an increase in offerings

Deb - yes, two-fold

Phoebe - Can we capture a list of programming current list and hopeful in order to provide feedback to future rec directors.

Deb - Great idea

Deb - Additional Info following submittal of formal report. Town has approved application for a grant to start feasibility planning for a Rec Center.

Eric - questions about how this will proceed.

Deb - Town leading the charge. Don't know role yet.

Barb - is \$30,000 playground funding from current or upcoming budget.

Deb - Upcoming. Purchase pending passage of Budget at town meeting.

Phoebe - Do you need backup for Field Management Meeting

Deb - Note taker would be nice to track possible changes. She will reach out for volunteers.

Motion: Paul to accept report

Second: Phoebe

Discussion: See notes above

Vote: Passed

Winterfest incident discussion:

Deb provided additional details to the letter

Eric - Concern for lumping in the entire Winterfest event with the incident.

Encouraged Deb to review the suggestions from the Winterfest Committee to correct for this incident moving forward.

Next step is to have Winterfest sit down with the Recreation Committee at next rec meeting March 14th to discuss response. Eric will reach out to folks of Winterfest Committee to map out a plan for the future. Facts are not in dispute. focus is moving forward.

5. Winterfest Summary: Grant initiative- Bill: -10 min.

Ep(r)ic band at Zen barn on opening night

Winterfest Committee Exploring an option of grant funding for organizations in exchange for sponsoring events.

Barb - Recommended Winterfest Committee to add agreement structure to their event organizers.

Paul - Recommended adding safety officers to the agreement for events that might need it.

6. "Winter Walk to School Day" 2/9/18 Summary- Phoebe: - 5 min.

Phoebe - approximately 20 kids participated - Crossett Brook only it was close to zero degrees.

We'll try to coordinate for additional resources next year.

7. Upcoming Dates of interest: -5 min.

- See Recreation opportunities at:

<https://www.waterburyvt.com/departments/recreation/> for full calendar of events.

8. Long range planning: Group - 30 min.

- Committee members should bring *no more than five* ideas for long term planning goals
- Brainstorm level - doesn't have to be fleshed out.
- Deb - Go out and put eyes on things IE Dac Rowe Sign.
- Frank - Following up on the physical inventory conduct a program inventory with feedback from the community and frequent users.
- Paul - New building (recommend visiting Cambridge which is a repurposed tennis facility as a private/public partnership.)
- Paul - We seem to have competing committees dealing with Recreation. There needs to be clarification on roles and responsibilities.
- Paul - Getting an assistant moving toward a sustainable full time staff (10 year)
- Paul - Solid longer range plan to upgrade facilities.
- Paul - Finding rec space that is not right next to the river
- Paul - Look to a potential future where the skating rink may fall to the town for management.
- Barb - Rec website improved to include recreational options. (Montpelier Rec site is a good recommended comparison)
- Deb - Rec department reserves one team in each adult league for newcomers.

- Eric - Show the taxpayers what we are doing. What we own, what their dollars buy.
- Phoebe - Positive change creates positive perspective on what recreation does.

Paul will share more via email

9. New business and agenda items for next meeting at Anderson 03/14/18: -5 min.

Winterfest invite extended by Eric

Move to adjourn: Paul

Second: Frank

Vote: Passed

Meeting officially adjourned at: 8:02 PM