

Newington Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

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Wednesday, April 10, 2002

Newington Town Hall

7:00 p.m. – Meeting called to order by B.O.S. Chairman Iocovozzi

In Attendance:

B.O.S. Chairman Iocovozzi, Susan Newcomer, Pete MacDonald, Keith Frizzell, Amy Trefethen, Kris Low, Barbara DeVincenzo, Jack Anderson, Jeff Lowey, Jeff Boynton, Rick Dufton.

Agenda:

1. Election of Officers
2. Oath of Office – Sworn and Sign
3. Budget
4. YMCA Program
5. Open Discussion
6. Miscellaneous

1. Election of Officers –

- Cos moves to elect Chairman. Keith Frizzell motioned for Pete MacDonald to be Chairman of the Newington Recreation Committee; second by Kris Low. Vote 9-0. Pete MacDonald elected Chairman.
- Chairman MacDonald moves to elect Keith Frizzell as Vice-Chairman; second by Jeff Lowey. Vote 9-0. Keith Frizzell elected Vice-Chairman.
- Chairman MacDonald moves to elect Barbara DeVincenzo as Secretary; second by Amy Trefethen. Vote 9-0. Barb DeVincenzo elected Secretary.
- Chairman MacDonald moves to conduct regular monthly meetings at the Town Hall on the second Wednesday of each month. Second by Barb DeVincenzo. Vote 9-0. Next meeting scheduled for May 8 at 7 p.m.

2. Oath of Office -

- Cos administers oral oath swearing in all new committee members.
- Committee members sign oath of office. Susan Newcomer reminds all members must be sworn in and sign forms. They are welcome to stop by the Town Hall Tuesdays or Thursdays or can call to arrange with Sue or Cos. (Members not in attendance – Marty Leighton, Chip Eames, Sara Frizzell, and Kim MacDonald.)

3. Budget -

- Copies of the 2002 Recreation Budget were furnished to the committee. Discussion followed.
 - Cos informs committee major projects requests must be submitted to the Board of Selectmen in writing.
 - Committee should know and be realistic about limitations with Town residents.

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- Vice-Chairman Frizzell questioned presenting proposals to the budget committee. Both Cos and Amy Trefethen offered advice. Do the research, prepare a detailed plan and go before the budget committee with the plan being prepared to answer questions. Vice-Chairman Frizzell suggested the committee look for small improvements at this point and Cos agreed. Think short term for now but remember the Town will not frown upon anything if well presented. This year is a lean year.
 - Chairman MacDonald inquired as to fund raising. Cos explained any monies coming “in” go back into the general Town fund – not directly to the recreation program. Donations of equipment are different.
4. YMCA Summer Program –
- Cos suggested the committee invite Terry Spinney to next meeting to explain the summer youth program. Barbara to get Terry’s phone number from Sue and call. Cos briefly touched on the condition of the Stone School.
5. Open Discussion – Ideas/Brainstorming/Questions
- Cos informed committee of property available for recreation use; Fox Point, Old Stone School (building and grounds), land behind the old Town Hall (bathrooms in building available upon request), Patterson Lane picnic area, basketball court in South Newington.
 - Chairman MacDonald suggested the committee take activities one season at a time. Currently working on baseball field. Cos suggested any extra material be stored behind Town shed for next year. Cos informed committee Terry Spinney coordinates schedule of field use.
 - It was mentioned the Air National Guard had offered to build the Town a field. Cos offered to introduce committee to Guard to talks moving again.
 - Chairman MacDonald suggested combining Old Home Day and Harvest Fest.
 - Jack Anderson inquired about use of the Carriage House at Fox Point for a Town gym.
 - Chairman MacDonald suggested a charcoal grill at Fox Point.
 - Vice-Chairman Frizzell asked if the water fountain at the tennis court could be operational this summer. Cos acknowledged request.
 - Jeff Boynton inquired about resurfacing the tennis courts. Cos replied there is not enough money this year.
 - Chairman MacDonald asked about other programs from the past such as the tennis lessons. Amy Trefethen replied the best way to include money in the budget for programs like this in the future is to show resident support. Offer the activity for a fee this year and if participation and interest is there ask for money to be included in budget next year.
 - Chairman MacDonald asked about clean up around Kent’s Pond. Cos informed the committee to consider the environmental issues.

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- Vice-Chairman Frizzell mentioned the Prescott Park Newington Night.
 - Kris Low suggested a Newington night on the Thomas Leighton. Chairman MacDonald asked Kris to research this for next meeting.
 - Chairman MacDonald inquired as to the condition and possible improvement of the boat ramp. Cos informed the committee to contact John Welch. Barb DeVincenzo to draft a letter to Mr. Welch.
6. Miscellaneous –
- Chairman MacDonald asked all members to have a “wish list” of ideas for the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m. by Chairman MacDonald.