

Town of Newington, NH
Newington Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 5, 2021 at the Langdon Library

Meeting started at 5:00 pm

Present: Rebecca Navelski, Brian Haberstroh, Kat Johnson, Jack O'Reilly, Jillian Semprini

Minutes Approval:

Rebecca N. moved to approve the minutes of September 13, 2021. Brian H. seconded the motion. All in favor.

Septemberfest:

- Bouncy-house invoice has not been deducted from the budget.
- Committee members received the following feedback of Septemberfest:
 - There was a fight in one of the bouncy houses; consider supervision for future events.
 - The band was too loud.
 - Consider ordering more veggie burgers.

Holiday Party:

- Scheduled for Sunday, December 12 from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm.
- Santa has been booked for the event.
- Brian H. will contact Mailforce in North Hampton regarding the cost of mailers. Kat and Jill will prepare the content of the mailer.
- Kat will reach out to UNH and Portsmouth High School regarding a choral group for music.
- The Holiday Party will be pot luck and there will be a toy/book drive.

Other Business:

- Disc Golf:
 - No maintenance is required before winter.
- Halloween:
 - No activities are planned for this year; activities for next year will be discussed at future meetings
- Tennis Courts:
 - Bill W. emailed Martha Roy regarding the contract for the tennis court maintenance court. The Town will send a RFP to other vendors due to the delay of the awarded contractor.
- Pickle Ball:
 - The committee has discussed that Pickle Ball courts will not be painted on the tennis courts.
 - There have been discussions with allowing temporary adjustments to the basketball courts in South Newington with magnetic or adhesive strips; an enclosure will be discussed at future meetings.

- Ice Rink:
 - Majority of the materials for the ice rink have been purchased.
- Camp Newington:
 - The committee will be discussing the following matters with the Board of Selectmen at their October 12, 2021 meeting:
 - Reason for Camp Newington payroll not being deducted from the camp budget
 - Status of contract negotiations with the YMCA for Camp Newington 2022.

Budget:

- A warrant article separate from the Recreation Committee's budget was discussed for the Recreation Committee Director; further discussion on the director being a contractor versus a Town employee will be held at future meetings.

Jack O. moved to present a warrant article in the amount of \$10,000 for the hiring of a Recreation Committee Director. Brian H. seconded the motion. All in favor.

- The Capital Reserve currently has a balance of \$36,729.99.

Brian H. moved to add \$10,000 to the Capital Reserve. Jack O. seconded the motion. All in favor.

- Adjustments to the Recreation Committee budge were discussed as follows:
 - Transfer \$1,000 of the General Maintenance budget to the General Supplies budget for the ice rink.
 - Transfer half of the Voucher budget to the General Maintenance budget for maintenance of the ball fields and tennis courts.
 - The total budget for the Recreation Committee remains the same as the previous year.

Rebecca N. moved to request a budget of \$51,850. Kat J. seconded the motion. All in favor.

- The Recreation Committee will present the requested budget to the Board of Selectmen on Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 6:15 pm.
- The Recreation Committee will present the requested budget to the Budget Committee on Monday December 1, 2021 at 7:15 pm.

Next meeting is Tuesday, November 9, 2021, 5:00 PM at the Langdon Library.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jillian Semprini