

**Town of Newington, NH**  
**Newington Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at the Langdon Library**

Meeting started at 5:05 pm

**Present:** Rebecca Navelski, Bill Wright, Brian Haberstroh, Jillian Semprini

**Minutes Approval:**

**Rebecca N. moved to approve the minutes of January 4, 2022. Bill W. seconded the motion.**  
**All in favor.**

**Newington Summer Camp:**

- A representative from the YMCA, Kelly, called into the meeting to discuss the YMCA's participation with the Newington Summer Camp
  - Kelly noted that the YMCA is able to run the camp
  - The YMCA will not coordinate transportation for field trips due to driver shortage. If the Town wants field trips, then the YMCA will plan them and provide the staff, but the Town will need to coordinate the transportation.
  - The committee will need to determine the dates for camp and number of weeks needed to provide to the YMCA for budgeting purposes. Historically Camp Gundalow has increased the camp fee by 4% annually.
- Brian H. will create a survey for camp to gauge approximately how many campers there will be and to provide feedback on if field trips are wanted. The survey will be included in the next Town Newsletter, on the Town's Facebook page, and will be sent out via the school.

**Ice Rink:**

- Chris Wayss attended the meeting.
  - He alerted the committee about a resident concern that was posted on the Town's Facebook page.
    - The resident noted that they were told they could not use the ice rink during school hours and asked if this was a policy.
    - The committee is not aware of a policy that prohibits residents from using the ice rink during school hours. Brian H. will ask Martha Roy if there is a Town policy. Bill W. will inquire with the Police Department.
  - Chris cleaned out the shed and vacuumed out mouse nests.
  - Chris bought materials and constructed an open/close sign for the rink.
  - The committee expressed their appreciation for Chris' volunteer effort with the ice rink.

**Other:**

- The committee expressed concerns regarding the lack of lighting at the Old Town Hall. Brian H. will reach out to Martha Roy regarding the lighting.
- Tennis Court:
  - Two lights are not working, and one light pole (in the Town parking lot) was backed into.
  - Martha Roy has a work request out to repair the lights
- Earth Day:
  - Rebecca N. recommended the committee initiate a Town-wide / community clean-up day around Earth Day; Rebecca N. will reach out to Martha Roy.

**Budget:**

- Bill W. will compile the list of Recreation Committee Activities and associated level of effort to be included in the package for the Public Hearing on February 2, 2022 (snow date is Feb. 4).

**Next meeting is Tuesday, February 22, 2022, at 5:00 PM at the Langdon Library.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jillian Semprini