

Town of Newington, NH
Newington Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at the Langdon Library

Meeting started at 5:10 pm

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

Minutes Approval:

Jack O. moved to approve the minutes of October 5, 2021. Brian H. seconded the motion. All in favor.

Holiday Party:

- Holiday Party will be held on Sunday, December 12 at the Old Town Hall. The Parsonage will be open during the party.
- Mailforce is busy and is not able to print and mail the mailers for the Holiday Party. Brian H. will print the mailers himself, bring them to Town Hall for postage, and mail through bulkmail at the post office.
- Kat reached out to Portsmouth High School; the choir volunteered to sing.
- Masks are optional.
- Jill S. will assist Rebecca N. with decorations.
- Rebecca N. will follow up with Amanda from the Library regarding a craft idea.

Ice Rink:

- Brian H. provide Rebecca N. with a list of remaining materials needed; tape and zip ties. A spool of speaker wire is also needed.
- There needs to be 3 days below freezing before the Fire Department fills the ice rink.
- Bob Blonigen has volunteered to take the tarp after the ice rink is taken down.

Budget:

- The meeting with the Budget Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, December 1 at 7:15pm. Rebecca N., Jack O., Brian H., and Bill W., will be attending the meeting as representatives from the Recreation Committee.
- The Board of Selectmen recommended hiring the Recreation Director as an employee of the Town and not as a contractor.
- If passed, the position of the Recreation Director will need to be advertised following the Town Meeting held in March. Bill W. volunteered to prepare a draft job description for the position.
- Rebecca N. will find out how much unexpended funds are in the Recreation Committee's budget. Unexpended funds can be used on the tennis courts (windbreak), supplies for the ice rink, ball fields, or other activities (such as UNH Observatory at Fox Point).

Tennis Courts:

- Bill W. has been working with Martha regarding the work to be performed. Bill W. recommended to hold off on putting out another maintenance RFP if the current contractor agrees to perform the work at the bid price prior to June 2022. The contractor has agreed to hold the price and complete the work prior to June 2022.
- The fee for the maintenance work is taken out of the Recreation Committee's Capital Reserve Fund.
- Bill W. has required that Town Maintenance not take down the nets and to leave them in place.

Other:

- The Trolley Tour went well; however, for future events the trolley rides should be spaced out more. The First trolley went 30 min beyond the allotted time. Brian H. recommended including some photos from the Trolley Tour in the Town Hall Report.
- The porta potties used at Septemberfest are still at Fox Point; Rebecca N. has made multiple calls to the company regarding moving them back to the Old Town Hall.
- Jack O. will contact John Lamson regarding the potential of having the Gundalow at the 2022 Septemberfest.
- Rebecca N. will follow up with the Board of Selectmen regarding the YMCA's commitment to run 2022 Camp Newington.

Next meeting is Tuesday, December 7, 2021, 5:00 PM at the Langdon Library.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jillian Semprini