

**Town of Newington, NH
Newington Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 9, 2021 at the Town Hall**

Meeting started at 7:05 pm

Present: Laura Stone, Rebecca Navelski, Bill Wright, Bill Blatt, Jillian Semprini

Camp Newington:

- Two counselors are on staff for the last week of camp due to the other counselors returning to school. Additional coverage will be needed for Thursday, August 19 and Friday, August 20. Jane Kendall, who is already a Town employee, is able to assist the counselors on Friday, August 20. Martha Roy has volunteered to assist on Thursday as a last resort
- Discussed performing an exit interview with the camp director and potentially the counselors.

Bill W. moved to have Rebecca N. and Laura S. perform the exit interviews. Bill B. seconded the motion. All in favor.

Budget:

- The Recreation Committee is attending the Selectmen's Budget Review meeting on Tuesday, October 12; the proposed budget is due to the Selectmen one week prior to the review meeting.
- Discussed the hiring a Recreation Director for 40 hours per week for 10 weeks during the summer to assist with the camp, and other major activities. Bill W. will ask Eleanor Boy and/or Martha Roy to reach out to neighboring Towns that have Recreation Directors regarding responsibilities, effort/hours, and rate of pay.

Bill W. moved to support the Recreation Committee hiring a Recreation Director during the summer to oversee the Town's major recreation activities. Jill S. seconded the motion. All in favor.

- A list of recreation-related activities and facilities will be compiled to better assist in developing the Recreation Committee's budget.

Movie Night:

- Received feedback from parents to not do movie night on the camp field trip day (YMCA day) in the future. The movie nights were on Tuesdays due to the library being open late on this day.
- There was a good turn-out for the August movie; Field of Dreams.
- The Recreation Committee will continue the movie nights next year out of the Recreation Committee budget. The library obtained a grant this year for the movie nights.

Tennis Courts:

- The Contractor for the tennis court maintenance work is waiting for materials before commencing with the work; the materials have been delayed due to the pandemic.

- The Contractor's bid price did not include repairing the bird baths; however, the Town's budget does include the cost for these repairs.

Air Show:

- Discussed closing Nimble Hill Road between Arboretum Drive and Little Bay Road for Town resident access only. Bill W. noted that in discussions with the Police of Chief, the understanding is that the Recreation Committee is responsible to petition to the Selectmen with the request to close the road.

Bill W. moved to petition to the Town to close Nimble Hill Rd between Arboretum Dr and Little Bay Rd for Town use only during the Air Show. Laura S. seconded the motion. All in favor.

- Bill W. will send the petition via email to the Selectmen.

Septemberfest:

- Rebecca N. called the Texas Roadhouse regarding their offer to cater but has not received a response back.
- Bill B. will look into renting a band stage; building a band stage will be discussed for next year.
- A sign-up list will be sent out for volunteers needed for grills, set-up, clean-up, next day clean-up, bouncy house supervision, and trash removal.
- Brian H. and Bill B. will test the grills.
- Rebecca N. will follow-up with Dave's Septic.
- Laura S. will contact Amanda Plante, from the library, regarding the arts and crafts table.

Other Business:

- The Trolley Tour was discussed potentially for Saturday, October 12. Laura S. will contact John Lamson about availability to narrate the tour again.
- Holiday Party. Rebecca N. will check the availability of Santa Glen for potentially Sunday, December 12.

Next meeting is Monday, September 13, 2021, 7:00 PM at the Town Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jillian Semprini