

**Town of Newington, NH  
Newington Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, January 4, 2022 at the Langdon Library**

Meeting started at 5:10 pm

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

**Minutes Approval:**

- December 7, 2021 meeting minutes will be revised to reflect January 18, 2022 as the next meeting date not January 11, 2022 as noted in the draft meeting minutes..

**Bill W. moved to approve the revised minutes of December 7, 2021. Jack O. seconded the motion. All in favor.**

**Old Town Hall Playground:**

- At the request of the Board of Selectmen, Jessica Morgan presented the next phase of the playground upgrades/additions at the Old Town Hall.
- The first phase of the upgrades to the playground consisted of replacing the existing unsafe swings, safety surfacing throughout all existing fall areas, and adding one new equipment (the Spinami).
- Jessica noted that the last big items to add to the playground would be a zipline and replacing the existing slides.
- The second phase will include the addition of a zipline. The Board of Selectmen are concerned with the safety of a zipline and requested the Recreation Committee's vote.
- The slides are currently within code and are proposed to be replaced in a future phase.
- The cost of installing a zipline, including safety surfacing, is approximately \$20,000 to \$30,000; Jessica is still receiving quotes.

**Rebecca N. moved to approve the concept of the zipline for use at town events, including at the summer camp. Jack O. seconded the motion. All in favor.**

- Jessica will look into submitting a warrant article independent of the Recreation Committee to purchase new playground equipment.

**Ice Rink:**

- Chris Wayys emailed Rebecca N. to alert that repairs to the shed are needed to keep rodents out. Brian H. purchased items to repair the shed, and Brian H. and Chris W. will continue to monitor the shed.
- A list to be posted on the shed was discussed that would include proper maintenance requirements of the ice rink.
- An open/close sign was discussed to be posted on the shed or in front of the ice rink to alert users when the ice rink is safe to use.

**Holiday Party:**

- There was low turnout potentially due to the recent uprise in COVID.
- The PHS school choir was very good; the committee donated \$150 to the choir.
- The Parsonage was open during the party.
- Santa was great and personable. The cost for Santa was higher than previous years; however, it was justifiable due to the availability of a backup Santa if needed.
- Multiple bags of toys and books were collected for the donation.
- The committee bought insulation bags to keep the coffee and hot water hot.

**Other:**

- A Capital Improvement Program (CIP) was suggested to be developed for next year's budget.
- The Public Hearing for the budget is scheduled for Wednesday, February 2, 2022 at 6:00pm.
- Bill W. prepared a list of activities with associated level of effort to be included with the Budget Committee's package for the Public Hearing. Rebecca N. will send out the document to all members of the committee to filled out by Friday, January 7, 2022. Bill W. will combine efforts into a single document.
- Bill W. prepared a draft job description for the Recreation Committee Director position.
- The Town Meeting will be held on Saturday, March 12, 2022 at 10:30 am.
- A representative from the YMCA will be at the next committee meeting to discuss the summer camp.

**Next meeting is Tuesday, January 18, 2022, at 5:00 PM at the Langdon Library.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jillian Semprini