

**Town of Newington, NH
Newington Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 7, 2021 at the Langdon Library**

Meeting started at 5:10 pm

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

Minutes Approval:

Jack O. moved to approve the minutes of November 9, 2021. Bill W. seconded the motion. All in favor.

Ice Rink:

- Rebecca provided purchased supplies to Brian H.
- Brian H. installed the rink boards; he will install liner and remaining items; and fill after temperatures fall below freezing.
- Remaining item needed is a spool of speaker wire.
- A spare liner will be purchased as a backup in the event the other liner is damaged and needs replacing during the season. If the liner is not needed this year, will can be used next year and will be stored in a sealed container.

Tennis Courts:

- Bill W. purchased the wind screen.
- Bill W. will look into the cost to purchase a bench for the tennis courts.

Holiday Party:

- The committee setup the tables and chairs prior to the meeting.
- Rebecca N. will be purchasing remaining supplies needed this week.
- Jill S. ordered coffee and hot water from Dunkin.
- Rebecca N. and Jill S. will setup the remaining items on Saturday.
- Rebecca N. noted that Santa has been confirmed for Saturday and has a backup if needed.
- Rebecca N. will contact the Historic District Commission regarding opening the Parsonage during the Holiday Party.

Budget:

- There is \$6,660 remaining in the Recreation Committee budget, including the budget for the Holiday Party.
- Brian H. will look into a contractor to maintain the sports fields next spring; a deposit will be expended now to secure the contract.

Jack O. moved to obligate a contract for maintenance of the sports fields up to \$2,500 for a deposit this year. Bill W. seconded the motion. All in favor.

- The committee has two warrant articles to be voted on at the Town Meeting:
 - \$10,000 for a Recreation Committee Director
 - \$10,000 into the Recreation Committee Capital Reserve
- Members of the Recreation Committee met with the Board of Selectmen (BOS) on Wednesday, December 1, 2021:
 - The BOS are not in favor of the Recreation Committee Director warrant article.
- Recreation Committee Director:
 - Bill W. has prepared Talking Points to support the proposal of the Recreation Committee Director position to be presented at the Public Hearing.
 - Bill W. has prepared a draft job description for the position.
- Public Hearing on the proposed budget is scheduled for Wednesday, February 2, 2022 at 6:00pm.
- The Town Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, March 12, 2022.

Camp Newington:

- Rebecca N. discussed briefly with Kelly from the YMCA regarding Camp Newington. Kelly is willing to speak with the committee next month regarding the YMCA involvement with the camp. Rebecca N. to follow up with Kelly.
 - Recreation Committee Director is still valuable if the YMCA runs Camp Newington. The Director would oversee the day to day activities of the camp and be the first point of contact for the parents/guardians.

Next meetings are Tuesday, January 4, 2022 and Tuesday, January 18, 2022, both at 5:00 PM at the Langdon Library.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jillian Semprini