

**Town of Newington, NH
Newington Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 26, 2021 at the Town Hall**

Meeting started at 7:10 pm

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

Camp Newington:

- A new family has moved into town and has asked if their child can attend camp for the last three weeks.

Laura S. moved to accept the additional child at a prorated rate of \$235 total for the three weeks. Jillian S. seconded the motion. All in favor.

- Laura S. provided an update on the survey sent out for the camp. Received a good turnout of responses and overall positive feedback.
- Laura S. noted that she reiterated to concerned parents and the camp director that masks are mandatory for the campers inside the Old Town Hall as part of the camp protocol.
- The YMCA and Library provided positive feedback regarding the counselors.

Movie Night:

- Great turnout for the June movie night; 22 people attended to view How to Train Your Dragon.
- Next movie night is August 3, 2021 and the movie will be Field of Dreams.
 - Bill W. will remind the Town to spray for mosquitos on Monday, August 2, 2021.
 - Volunteers from the Recreation Committee will be needed.

Tennis Courts:

- Bill W. provided an update regarding the Tennis Courts.
- The contract for the maintenance of the tennis courts has been awarded and the work will be performed in August. The contract was awarded to VT Recreational Surfacing & Fencing, Inc. from Barnet, VT. The bid is no higher than \$10,000 subject to added expense (TBD) of repairing the "bird baths".
- Bill W. updated the Board of Selectmen that the Recreation Committee has unanimously voted to remove the two trees adjacent to the tennis courts, which have been a concern of the committee regarding the root system likely causing future damage to the court surface. The Board of Selectmen noted that the trees have recently been trimmed, and will hire an arborist to evaluate the trees. Bill W. will follow-up with the Board of Selectmen.

Septemberfest:

- The activities have been reserved; two ponies, a climbing wall, and two bouncy houses.
- The tents have been rented.
- The band has been reserved. A stage still needs to be rented or built for the band.

- Permit for the fireworks have been obtained.
- The committee will send out a sign-up list for volunteers. Volunteers will be needed for grilling, setup/breakdown, and trash removal.
- The grills will need to be tested in advance of Septemberfest.
- Rebecca N. will follow-up with Dave's Septic regarding porta-potty rentals.
- The Texas Roadhouse has offered to cater the event. Rebecca N. will contact the restaurant for further information.
- Two Town children have volunteered to do the face painting.

Other Business:

- The committee discussed the potential to hire a Recreation Director/Coordinator, as well as potentially dividing the committee into sub-committees. The discussion was postponed to the next meeting due to the light attendance of the meeting and to allow the input of all members of the committee.
- Brian H. purchased the liner for the ice rink.
- Junior Team Members:
 - The committee discussed allowing teenagers to attend the meetings and becoming more involved in Town activities. It was discussed that the junior team members could attend one to two meetings per year and provide feedback on Town activities.

Bill W. moved to allow junior team members at the September/October meetings. Jillian S. seconded the motion. All in favor.

- Due to several factors, including some medical reasons, Rebecca N. may be stepping down as Chair of the committee.

Next meeting is Monday, August 9, 2021, 7:00 PM at the Town Hall. The following meeting is Monday, September 13, 2021, 7:00 PM at the Town Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jillian Semprini