

Town of Newington, NH
Newington Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 13, 2021 at the Town Hall

Meeting started at 7:05 pm

Present: Rebecca Navelski, Laura Stone, Bill Wright, Bill Blatt, Brian Haberstroh, Jarrad Savinelli, Jillian Semprini

Septemberfest:

- Septemberfest will begin at 4:30 pm.
- Hartman Oil & Propane will be delivering the propane tanks for the grills.
- On Thursday, Brian H. and Jarrad S. will pick up and deliver the rented tables and chairs to Fox Point, and they will check the grills and clean the freezer.
- The tent will be put up on Thursday
- The mailer for Septemberfest will be mailed on Tuesday.
- Dana N. will be creating a sign-up genius for volunteers.
- Bill B. and Jarrad S. will confirm the dimensions of the recently bought stage are per the band's requirements on Tuesday.
- Jarrad S. will confirm with the Town to mow on Friday.
- Jarrad S. will confirm with the Fire Department that a fire truck will be available during the fireworks.
- Food will be picked-up Saturday morning.

Other Business:

- Board of Selectmen (BOS) meeting
 - At the request of the BOS, members of the Recreation Committee (Rebecca N., Bill W., Kat J., and Jillian S.) attended the BOS meeting held on Tuesday September 7 to discuss Camp Newington
 - The YMCA approached the Town regarding the potential for organizing and running the camp next summer (2022).
 - Rebecca N. stated that it was our understanding that the YMCA chose not to run the 2021 camp due to new management and the size of the Town; not because of the pandemic. The committee's concern is that the YMCA may pull-out last minute again in the 2022 season and leave the committee in a similar situation as this year.
 - The Recreation Committee proposes hiring a Recreation Director for the summer to oversee the camp (run by the Town) and assist with planning other Town activities
 - One member of the BOS recommended considering one more year with the YMCA running the camp and research the budget for a Recreation Director.
 - A town resident at the meeting suggested that the Town request a formal commitment from the YMCA by the end of January 2022 so that the Recreation Committee can plan accordingly.
 - The BOS requested the Recreation Committee prepare a formal proposal for the Recreation Director position.

- The proposal for the Recreation Director position was discussed and will be postponed until the following meeting.
- The 2022 Recreation Budget was distributed and will be discussed further at the following meeting, which will be prior to the meeting with the BOS on Tuesday, October 12.
- The Trolley Tour is scheduled for Sunday, October 17 and John Lamson will narrate. The first tour will be kid-friendly at 3:00 pm and the second tour will be adults only at 4:00 pm. The earlier tour will make stops along the way at various farms; the later tour will not have stops. The maximum limit per tour is 30 people and sign-ups are at the Town Hall; masks are required.

Next meeting is Tuesday, October 5, 2021, 5:00 PM at the Town Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jillian Semprini