

Newington Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes 09/26/17

Present: Committee Members Rebecca Navelski, Bob Dell Isola, Jack O'Reilly, Darryl Brown, Jarrad Savinelli, Jeff Philbrick. Member of the Public: Wendy Sweeney.

Meeting called to order at 7:10 PM

September fest: There was much discussion about the event. The opportunities or possibilities for next year, such as a live band, additional activities/competitions, Touch-A-Truck with Local Departments, asking the Fire Department to invite Sparky to the festivities, karaoke contest, Gundalow rides, and tree lighting, bonfire, and a beach cleanup. We will be adding a list to the suggestion box. R. Navelski completing checklists and schedules for preparation of next year. B. Dell Isola suggested we need to take this opportunity to review insurance policies between the town and the vendors. Budget was within parameters of last year. We will need to purchase additional cleaning supplies, grilling supplies, repair current equipment, and purchase additional equipment for next year. B. Dell Isola requested R. Navelski follow up with the Town regarding who pays for the propane tanks, do we get reimbursed, and suggestions for storage. Committee agreed to continue start time at 4:00 PM.

Ice Skating Rink: B. Dell Isola request R. Navelski follow up with Martha Roy regarding status of Phipps Landscaping. John Newick requests we assess the drop around area of rink for safety and mowing purposes. Committee will have a \$400.00 expense if the liner needs to be replaced.

Summer Program: R. Navelski, J. O'Reilly, and J. Philbrick updated the Committee regarding the meeting with the YMCA and the Town Administrator Martha Roy. The YMCA acknowledged the challenges during this year's program. R. Navelski advised YMCA of the positive and negative feedback from the parents. Most of the feedback from the parents revolved around planning, structure, and safety. YMCA agreed to allow the Committee to be involved in next year's hiring process. YMCA agreed to a meet and greet between counselors and children prior to next year's program. YMCA will be adapting expectations and an agreement with families who have Aides. The Town will look in to an additional air conditioner and the weight of the bathroom doors for the Old Town Hall. The Committee discussed the option of a five day program. The YMCA was open to the suggestion. The YMCA stated the national ratio for children to counselors is 8-12:1. The YMCA agreed to June 1st for a registration cutoff date. J. O'Reilly will follow up with YMCA regarding budget for next year, including five day and additional counselor. The Committee will discuss budget, review the contract, and the parameters of allowing tuition children to attend the summer program at a later date. Budget thirty six children cap at forty eight. **J. O'Reilly moved to approve five day program, J. Savanelli seconded the motion with all in favor.**

Holiday Party: The Committee discussed a date of **December 10th**. This date does not coincide with Portsmouth Holiday Parade, the New England Patriots, or Candlelight Stroll. B. Dell Isola requested R. Navelski locate a new vendor for the party. R. Navelski will also follow up with Nancy Haberstroh regarding supplies and activities.

Survey: The Committee discussed starting more activities (museums, theatre, sporting events) for adults and seniors. The Committee agreed to complete a mailing with a survey for residents to complete and return to the Committee mailbox or drop in a local suggestion box. R. Navelski will contact the Town in regards to our mailbox and posting on the Committee's portion of the Town website. R. Navelski, J. Savinelli, and M. Callahan will work together on mailing.

Budget: B. Dell Isola request R. Navelski request an up to date budget. Selectman Review for Recreation Committee Budget was scheduled for October 30th. The Committee agreed to request the assigned time be rescheduled. R. Navelski will follow up with Martha Roy.

Budget Committee Meeting & Hearing Schedule for Recreation Committee on December 6th at 7:40 PM

Adjournment: B. Dell Isola moved to adjourn at 8:53 PM, J. O'Reilly seconded motion with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Navelski
Secretary