



RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Monday, January 8, 2024, 6:00 p.m.

Rye Congregational Church

580 Washington Rd., Rye, NH 03870

In attendance: Jonathan Fox, Cory Belden, Joe Persechino, Richard Furber, Dyana Martin, Stacy Krecklow, Marlene Veloso, Sue Ross

Regrets: Brett Mulvey

The meeting was called to order at 6:08pm. Cory asked the group to look over the minutes of the previous meeting. Richard made the motion to accept the minutes and Joe seconded the motion...all were in favor.

Financials/Fundraising Committee: The group then reviewed the financials. And then there was a discussion in regard to the Fundraising Committee. Richard had an idea for someone to help Co-Chair the committee with him. The resident's name was Ed Malen. Richard had talked to him and he stated that he would like to help. Sue then stated that the Library is also fundraising right now for the common and the back area for expansion. Richard stated that he was not interested in fundraising until the money that needs to be raised is clear and we knew exactly what we needed in funds for the project so that we would not have to go to ask for money more than once. He also stated that he would like to have all the graphics and designs done before the fundraising starts so that people know what they would be putting their money towards. Marlene then asked what Richard needed in the third person for the committee. Joe suggested that he could be the third person to start the committee going forward and then move off of the committee to let others onto it. Marlene stated that she would like to help. Jon stated that he thought a marketer would be a good addition to the committee. Stacy then stated that she would also be interested in helping with the committee when it comes time to actually knock on doors.

Cory made a motion for Joe and Marlene to start out on the committee. Jon seconded the motion, it was unanimous.

Master Plan: Joe and Cory talked about the softball field warrant article and that it needs to be designed if the warrant article passes.

Winter program update: Dyana gave an update on all the winter programs and the amounts of participants.

There was discussion regarding the donation to the Toy Bank from the Recreation Department/Commission in honor of Chuck Gallant. The group voted on which line item to take the money out of- and it will come out of the office supplies line item per suggestion from Becky Bergeron.

Finally, there was a discussion in regard to the upcoming Deliberative Session. Joe, Dyana and Richard are all going, and it was suggested that others watch on tv to see when the two recreation articles come up so they could come down to support the articles.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 5th at the Wave.

Joe made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Stacy seconded the motion. Unanimous at 7:15pm.