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**RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, January 11, 2017, 6:00 p.m.**  
**Rye Town Hall Court Room, 10 Central Road, Rye, NH**

**In attendance:** Cory Belden, Maggie Duffy-Durkin, Judy Scott and Lee Arthur, Recreation Director.

**A. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

Meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m.

**B. Roll Call**

**C. Approval of Minutes**

- **Consideration of Previous Meeting Minutes of November 21, 2016**

Consideration of the Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes of November 21, 2016 was tabled as there was not a quorum of Recreation Commissioners present.

**D. Correspondence**

- **Financial Reports**

The financial reports for the month of December have not been received.

- **Memorandum from Priscilla Jenness requesting Rye Recreation's Annual Report for 2016**

Rye Recreation's Annual Report for 2016 has been requested by Priscilla Jenness. Who prepares the Town of Rye's Annual Report. It is currently being drafted.

**E. Old Business**

- **Recreation Warrant Article**

Included in the meeting packet is a warrant article to conduct preliminary planning, design and engineering for a community center. Lee Arthur explained that the amount requested is \$80,000. However, \$40,000 would come from the Recreation Revolving Fund, leaving only \$40,000 to come from taxation. It was originally suggested by Cyndi Gillespie to have \$40,000 as a capital expenditure and \$40,000 as a warrant article. However, it was later suggested by either the Budget Committee or Board of Selectmen to have the total amount in the warrant article, to show the whole picture. The Board of Selectmen has voted to recommend the article. The Town of Rye Budget Committee Meeting and Public Hearing 2017 Town Budget is Thursday, January 12, 2017 and at that

meeting the warrant article will be presented to the Budget Committee. The article is as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000) to conduct preliminary planning, design and engineering for a community center, of which forty thousand (\$40,000) will come from withdrawal of funds from the *Recreation Revolving Fund*. The balance of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) is to come from general taxation. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required)

Judy Scott noted that the amount being requested from the tax payers is \$40,000. It was discussed that it is a preliminary study and by presenting a warrant article to the public the Recreation Commission will be able to determine if there is community support. The Board of Selectmen voted in favor of the article. Lee Arthur explained that the final report of the Rye Recreation Facilities Needs Assessment Committee clearly indicated a need. It was noted that if the Budget Committee does not recommend the warrant article, it still will be presented to the public. However, at the end of the warrant article it would note that it is not recommended by the Budget Committee. Lee Arthur also pointed out that the warrant article will be presented to the public at the Town Deliberative Session and changes to the warrant article could be made by the public at that time. The Town of Rye Budget Schedule was reviewed and dates are as follows:

January 11, 2017, Public Hearing School Budget  
January 12, 2017, Public Hearing Town Budget  
January 17, 2017, Last day for Bond Public Hearing  
January 26, 2017, Last day for Budget Committee to deliver copies of final budget to Selectmen  
January 30, 2017, Last day to post warrant  
February 4, 2017, Deliberative Session  
February 11, 2017, Deliberative Session snow date

- **2017 Recreation Commission Meeting Dates**

Included in the meeting packet were proposed Recreation Commission Meeting Dates for 2017. The dates proposed fall on the second Wednesday of each month. Lee Arthur indicated that she would distribute the dates to the Recreation Commissioners not present. The item was tabled until the next meeting.

**F. New Business**

- **Recreation Commission Positions**

It was noted that the term of office for both Stacey Brooks and Janet Stevens is expiring. Lee Arthur mentioned that she will find out if they will be requesting to renew their term.

- **Program Updates**

Included in the meeting packet was the Rye Recreation After School Program Newsletter for December 2016 and January 2017. On January 12, 2017 there is the Over 55 Club lunch program of "A Theater Near You" by Jeffrey Klenotic, a UNH Professor. The

ski/snowboard program started last Friday and has twenty-nine participants. It is for youth grades 2-8 and held at McIntyre Ski Area in Manchester. Rye Recreation basketball is going well. However, there has been some issues with the siblings of the participants playing with the large connect four game in the gymnasium and not cleaning up after themselves. The coaches have been notified of the concern. Program planning is almost completed for Spring and Summer. Lee Arthur indicated that the Recreation Commission will have to address if they will rent the Recreation Area Fields to other individuals to operate camps.

- **Other**

Cory Belden indicated that he wanted to discuss the Ralph Morang Multi-purpose Field Drainage Project. It was noted that the field usage in the spring has been impacted due to standing water by the first base line. Lee Arthur said that she would provide Cory Belden with the previous drainage plans. Filling in the area was discussed. The funding for the project will come from the Youth Recreation Athletics Fund and the budget is \$17,500.

**G. Adjournment**

*Motion was made by Maggie Duffy Durkin to adjourn the meeting at 6:34 p.m.  
Seconded by Judy Scott. Motion carried.*