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RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, February 8, 2017, 6:00 p.m.
Rye Town Hall Upstairs, 10 Central Road, Rye, NH

In attendance: Cory Belden, Stacey Brooks, Maggie Duffy-Durkin, Gregg Mikolaities, Brett Mulvey, Commissioners, and Lee Arthur, Recreation Director.

A. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Gregg Mikolaities said that he spoke with Janet Stevens; she is in Florida until the end of March and asked if he would chair the meeting. Meeting was called to order at 6:13 p.m.

B. Roll Call

C. Approval of Minutes

- **Consideration of Previous Meeting Minutes of November 21, 2016 and January 11, 2017**

The commissioners reviewed the Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes of November 21, 2016 and January 11, 2017.

Motion was made by Cory Belden to approve the Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes of November 21, 2016. Seconded by Stacey Brooks. Maggie Duffy-Durkin abstained. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Maggie Duffy-Durkin to approve the Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes of January 11, 2017. Seconded by Cory Belden. Gregg Mikolaities, Stacey Brooks, and Brett Mulvey abstained. Motion carried.

D. Correspondence

- **Financial Reports**

The financial reports for December, 2016 and January, 2017 were reviewed. At the end of December the Recreation General Fund Budget had 2.59% remaining; the Recreation Revolving Fund Budget 31.44%; and the Patriotic Purposes Budget 26.34%. The Recreation Revolving Fund Budget was not expended because the revenue was not received and the Patriotic Purposes Budget had accounted for the rental of a stage for the July 4th Celebration that was not needed. At the end of January the Recreation General Fund Budget current year expenditures are \$17,206.98; the Recreation Revolving Fund Budget \$19,962.43; and the Patriotic Purposes Budget had no expenditures. The 2017 Budget is not reflected in the financials for January because it has to be voted on by the

public. Brett Mulvey asked about the revenue received. Lee Arthur said that she would request those reports.

Gregg Mikolaities asked what happens to the unused allocated funds. Lee Arthur indicated that the selectmen have used it in the past to offset the tax rate.

- **Rye Recreation's Annual Report for 2016**

Included in the meeting packet was Rye Recreation's Annual Report for 2016.

E. Old Business

- **Recreation Warrant Article**

Gregg Mikolaities gave a presentation at the Deliberative Session on *Warrant Article 18. 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).* He had a couple people ask questions. There were no changes to the article so it will go on the ballot as presented.

The Recreation Commission had a discussion on how to get the word out. It was noted that the recreation staff and recreation commission need to refrain from politicking. However, Rye Recreation Supporters and friends of Rye Recreation can promote the article through a hand-out or facebook. The selectmen utilize the March Newsletter as a vehicle to explain further each article.

Lee Arthur noted that she had a brief discussion with Chick Hayden at the Deliberative Session regarding how successful the Rye Education Foundation was at fundraising. He was going to look into the fundraising process used by the Rye Education Foundation, because a capital campaign maybe feasible for the construction of a Community Center. Brett Mulvey pointed out that the School Board lawyer prescribed the step by step process for acquiring funds for the Wedgewood Project, so it can be done.

Stacey Brooks asked if there was an architect rendering or plan. Gregg Mikolaities explained that they purposely stayed away from developing that too early, because they want to be able to explore all options and possibilities. Brett Mulvey said that the chronological list of work performed at the Recreation Area was helpful.

- **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, except for October.

Motion was made by Maggie Duffy-Durkin to accept the 2017 Proposed Recreation Commission Meeting dates that are the second Wednesday of each

month except for October when it is the third Wednesday. Seconded by Brett Mulvey. Motion carried.

- **Recreation Commission Positions**

It was noted that the term of office for both Stacey Brooks and Janet Stevens is expiring. Gregg Mikolaitites indicated that Janet Stevens is not renewing. Stacey Brooks indicated that she would not be renewing. Gregg Mikolaities indicated that his term expires in 2018 and that he does not plan on renewing. His goal this year is to assist in implementing the \$80,000 recreation warrant article if it is accepted by the voters. He indicated that Joe Persechino has two younger children and was interested in serving. Brett Mulvey and Stacey Brooks mentioned that they know individuals that may be interested. It was noted that interested individuals should send a letter of interest to the Recreation Commission addressed to the Board of Selectmen and that both Janet Stevens and Stacey Brooks need to inform the Board of Selectmen in writing that they do not wish to renew their term on the Recreation Commission.

F. New Business

- **Program Updates**

Included in the meeting packet was the Rye Recreation After School Program Newsletter for February 2017, the Spring Program Flyer and a draft Summer Program Flyer. It was discussed that Ann Hacky was unable to conduct two weeks of Basketball Camp this summer and that Brett Mulvey has offered to help by conducting the second week. The Summertime Horyezons themes were discussed and it was noted that the Tetra Brazil Soccer Camp date was changed from August last year to the last week in June to see if that would increase participation. Brett Mulvey reported that the Adult Pick-up Basketball has had a good showing, about 18 participants. He noted that the bleachers take-up a lot of space in the gymnasium.

G. Adjournment

*Motion was made by Brett Mulvey to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m.
Seconded by Maggie Duffy-Durkin. Motion carried.*