



**Mailing: 10 Central Road, Rye, NH 03870**  
**Physical: 55 Recreation Road, Rye, NH 03870**  
**Phone: (603) 964-6281 ∞ Fax: (603) 964-1516**

**RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**  
**Monday, July 10, 2017**

**Recreation Office, 55 Recreation Road, Rye, NH**  
**6:00 p.m.**

**In attendance:** Cory Belden, Gregg Mikolaities, Brett Mulvey, Joe Persechino, Judy Scott, Commissioners, and Lee Arthur, Recreation Director.

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

Meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

**B. Roll Call**

**C. Approval of Minutes**

- Consideration of Previous Meeting Minutes of June 5, 2017.  
The meeting minutes of June 5, 2017 were reviewed.

*Motion was made by Cory Belden to approve the Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes of June 5, 2017 as presented. Seconded by Brett Mulvey. Motion carried.*

**D. Correspondence**

- **Financial Reports**

The financial reports for June, 2017 were reviewed. At the end of June the Recreation General Fund Budget had 57.04% remaining, the Recreation Revolving Fund Budget had 68.09% remaining and the Patriotic Purposes Budget had 40.32% remaining. The Youth Athletics Account balance was \$90,829.56. The Recreation Building Capital Reserve Fund has \$14,676.06. It was noted that the Ralph Morang Drainage Project cost will be paid from the Youth Athletics Account, not taxation and the Guard Rail and Fence Project cost will be paid from the Recreation Revolving Capital Outlay, not taxation. It was discussed that Dennis McCarthy, Director of Public Works, has estimated that it would cost \$10,000 to pave Recreation Road from the fence to just beyond the driveway to the Recreation House.

Cory Belden indicated that he thought that the drainage project was simple; however, ledge could be a concern. The current plan doesn't represent what was built or show

existing contours etc. Lee Arthur pointed out that the rooms used by the After School Program at Rye Elementary flooded recently. Chris-co Construction was hired to repair the under-drain. Cory Belden will prepare the RFP to include plans, schedule of values, specifications and detail for a clean-out. Gregg Mikolaities suggested that the RFP allow for changes in the field. It was discussed that the current turf contractor can loam, seed or sod the area.

- **Town of Rye, NH Policy Establishing the General Rules of Procedure for Boards, Committees and Commissions**  
The new Town of Rye, NH Policy Establishing the General Rules of Procedure for Boards, Committees and Commissions was reviewed by the Recreation Commission. It was discussed that chairpersons of other commissions were making recommendations to the Board of Selectmen without a formal vote of their commission. The Recreation Commission has always voted on all recommendations made to the Board of Selectmen.
- **Correspondence from Stephen King expressing interest to serve as a Recreation Commissioner, June 5, 2017**  
Included in the meeting packet was correspondence from Stephen King expressing interest to serve as a Recreation Commissioner, June 5, 2017.
- **Correspondence from Todd Cronin expressing interest to serve as a Recreation Commissioner, June 15, 2017**  
Included in the meeting packet was correspondence from Todd Cronin expressing interest to serve as a Recreation Commissioner, June 15, 2017.
- **Rye Soccer Association Field(s) Use Application**  
The Recreation Commission reviewed the Recreation Field(s) Use Application received from Rye Soccer Association. It was noted that the certificate of insurance and fee had been received and that their application for NHDES Certification of Background Checks has been made. It was discussed that they have requested all of the time that Rye Recreation is not using the fields. It was noted that their league schedule had not yet been determined. Rye Recreation Soccer is Tuesday evening and Saturday morning. Gregg Mikolaities asked if there had been any request recently for adult softball. Lee Arthur replied no. Joe Persechino asked if Rye Travel Soccer was for Rye and/or Newcastle residents only. Lee Arthur explained that depending on their numbers they may need non-residents to field a team.

*Motion was made by Brett Mulvey to approve Rye Soccer Associations Field(s) Use Application pending proof of NHDES Certification of Background Checks. Seconded by Judy Scott. Motion carried.*

#### **E. Old Business**

- **Recreation Commission Positions**  
It was noted that there are two letters from residents interested in serving on the Recreation Commission and only one available position. There was a discussion on

adding an alternate position. Lee Arthur was directed to invite each candidate to the next Recreation Commission Meeting on August 7, 2017 at Town Hall so that they could introduce themselves to the Recreation Commission. A non-public session would be scheduled at the end of the meeting.

- **Capital Improvement Projects for 2018-2023**

Lee Arthur indicated that at the last meeting it was determined that one project for the 2018-2023 CIP would be building a storage facility (garage) that would include a canteen (\$150,000). Another project is the addition of new community bathrooms, renovating the current washrooms and adding storage to the Recreation House (\$50,000). She asked the commission when each project would take place. It was determined that both projects would take place in 2018. The funding was discussed for the Recreation House upgrade and it would be paid for from the youth athletics account and the building reserve. Gregg Mikolaities indicated that he would write the descriptors.

- **Recreation Area Improvements**

The paving of Recreation Road from the fence to just beyond the driveway to the Recreation House was discussed again. It was noted that a lot of the traffic to the area is individuals accessing the Town Forest and not just the Recreation Area. The majority of the area users do not pay user fees. Gregg Mikolaities suggested a citizens petition to extend the road if necessary. Lee Arthur noted that the street address is 55 Recreation Road and if a mail box was placed at the site it would be put at the drive way to the modular.

*Motion made by Joe Persechino that Gregg Mikolaities write a letter to the Board of Selectmen requesting that the Town of Rye Public Works Department include in their budget the funds to pave the road and area parking lot.  
Seconded by Judy Scott. Motion carried.*

- **Other**

Gregg Mikolaities asked the commissioners if they were ok with the recreation area history discussed at last month's meeting. He wanted to clarify that the Town of Rye owns all the land at the Recreation Area, Rye Recreation administers it, and the Recreation Commission gives users permission to use it, including Rye Little League. Joe Persechino asked if Rye Little League has ever provided an update to their plans for the area (to extend the field etc.). Lee Arthur replied no. Lee Arthur was asked to invite Little League to the September 18, 2017 meeting.

**F. New Business**

- **2018 Budget**

It was determined that \$10,000 should be allocated in capital outlay for a recreation area land use master plan, referred to in the recreation needs assessment, as well as consider budgeting for mowing the Flash Jenness Memorial Little League Field and road paving in the regular budget.

- **Program Updates**

Summer camps are up and running. The week of July 3-7 Rye Recreation was extremely short staffed, due to unexpected staff absences. Lee Arthur showed the commissioners the weekly planning for the Summertime Horyezons Program and explained the importance of having the planning completed prior to the start of camp as well as having all supplies purchased. With the pattern of unexpected absences it is necessary that the planning be completed well in advance so others can cover. Brett Mulvey added like “a substitute teacher” and Lee Arthur agreed.

It was noted that youth yoga camp, youth and adult golf, basketball camp, tennis all start the week of July 10<sup>th</sup> and youth surf camp was over. There was a discussion regarding flag football and it was decided to solicit feedback in the town newsletter to see if individuals are interested in a Rye Recreation co-ed flag football program for grades 3-8.

- **Other**

Gregg Mikolaities indicated that he is a member of the School Feasibility Committee and they had their first meeting June 15, 2017. The co-chairs of the committee are Paula Tsetsilas of the Rye School Board and Peggy Balboni of the Town of Rye Budget Committee. It was an introductory meeting and there were various opinions on what was the charge of the committee etc.

The next meeting of the Recreation Commission will be held on Monday, August 7, 2017 at 6:00 p.m., Rye Town Hall Court Room, 10 Central Road, Rye, NH.

**G. Adjournment**

*Motion was made by Judy Scott to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m. Seconded by Brett Mulvey. Motion carried.*