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RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, September 6, 2018

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

In attendance: Gregg Mikolaities, Chairman, Cory Belden, Todd Cronin, Brett Mulvey, Joe Persechino, Commissioners, and Lee Arthur, Recreation Director.

Guest: Joe Tucker and Tyler Renz

A. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Motion was made by Cory Belden to take agenda item Multi-Purpose Recreation Storage Facility and Recreation New Public Restroom under Old Business out of order. Seconded by Brett Mulvey. Motion carried.

Old Business

Multi-Purpose Recreation Storage Facility and Recreation New Public Restroom

Included in the meeting packet for discussion were questions and the overlay of a proposed structure on the existing conditions plan from Gregg Mikolaities as well as the conceptual plans dated January 29, 2018.

Gregg Mikolaities introduced Joe Tucker a local builder who was requested to attend the meeting to provide his professional input. Joe Tucker provided information on his background and experience. He mentioned that he invited Tyler Renz to attend because of his experience with prefabricated structures.

The proposed location in proximity to the recreation modular was examined and discussed as well as the original concept that was two levels. The cost of site work and lower level accessibility was considered. It was noted that \$150,000.00 was raised and appropriated for heated storage, unheated storage, and a heated concession area. Prior consideration was given to combining a new public restrooms project, which would be funded separately. It was discussed that it is not feasible to combine the projects.

Different approaches to the build were discussed. Both guest supported the two-level concept. It was discussed that it is a tight budget. Joe Tucker indicated that a prefabricated structure maybe the most cost effective approach. Tyler Renz provided some insight on the offsite fabrication process. Bensonwood and Hancock were identified manufactures.

Gregg Mikolaities indicated that placing the structure in close proximity to the recreation modular has proven to be a challenge (site work, esthetics, feasibility). He suggested the best location maybe back to where the original concept was cited, by the existing snack shack next to the entrance of the overflow parking lot. This would not prohibit future development of a community center where the recreation modular and recreation house are.

It was discussed preparing a Request for Qualifications Design/Build not to exceed \$150,000.00. Joe Tucker pointed out that the schedule is critical as there is currently a labor shortage. It was discussed that work would not take place until the spring and that there could be some flexibility. However, the contract needs to be signed by year end.

Joe Tucker suggested that the exterior of the structure have a seamless metal roof, azek trim and a synthetic siding (Boral siding). It was discussed that esthetics are important. He explained that a good design/build process is when the architect, builder and designer are all start at the same time. The possibility of acquire donated product and/or reduced pricing was noted.

At 7:20 p.m. Joe Tucker, Tyler Renz and Todd Cronin excused themselves from the meeting.

Gregg Mikolaities requested the commissioners input. Joe Persechino indicated that from timing and cost perspective he supports the original concept and location. Cory Belden indicated that he was leaning towards a structure that is closer to the recreation modular because of accessibility. However, it would be less space because of the additional cost. Lee Arthur indicated that acquiring the necessary space is important. She has shown the two-level conceptual to Peter Kasnet a local builder and he suggested simplifying and standardizing the structure to reduce cost (one level box). Brett Mulvey asked about the need to access the lower level storage. Lee Arthur indicated that the storage needed to be accessed all year-round. He pointed out that he felt that the original location would be better.

It was noted that the RFQ process needs to begin as soon as possible. It was suggested providing contractors with two different location options. Joe Persechino indicated fewer options should be provided in order to attract respondents. The warrant article was discussed and it was decided to have the structure cited at the original location adjacent to the overflow parking lot.

Lee Arthur indicated that she would consult further with Peter Kasnet in order to develop a building example. Gregg Mikolaities mentioned that he wanted to meet with Michael Magnant regarding the RFQ process. It was noted that another meeting may be required in the next couple weeks and that the commissioners would be kept informed by e-mail.

C. Approval of Minutes

- **Consideration of Previous Meeting Minutes of August 6, 2018.**

The meeting minutes of August 6, 2018 were reviewed.

Motion was made by Joe Persechino to approve the Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes of August 6, 2018. With the following change: On page 2, second paragraph, line 6 under Old Business, Space Use Agreement 2018-2019 “Joe Persechino noted that every year the Recreation Commission wonders how much space will be available for the program and that the After School Program is not a priority of the School Board”. Be changed to “Joe Persechino noted that every year the Recreation Commission wonders how much space will be available for the program and that the After School Program does not appear to be a priority of the School Board”. Seconded by Brett Mulvey. Motion carried.

D. Correspondence

- **Financial Reports**

Tabled until next month’s meeting.

- **E-mail dated August 24, 2018 from Paula Tssetilas to Gregg Mikolaities regarding New School Configuration Update.**

Included in the meeting packet was an e-mail from Paula Tssetilas, that the Rye School Board approved a new school configuration of pre-kindergarten to grade 4 at Rye Elementary and Grade 5-8 at Rye Junior High for the 2019-2020 academic year. She also pointed out that they are forming a sub-committee, which will commence September 7 to outline the process. It was also noted that a discussion is needed onto how to best work with Rye Recreation in order to determine in advance what space is available. She indicated that she would be back in touch after first sub-committee meeting.

- **Email dated August 8, 2018 from Paula Tssetilas to Members of the School Use Feasibility Committee**

Included in the meeting packet was an e-mail from Paula Tssetilas, that the School Board approved the new school configuration of pre-kindergarten to grade 4 at Rye Elementary and Grade 5-8 at Rye Junior High for the 2019-2020 academic year. Attached to the e-mail was a message sent to the school community from the Rye School Board.

E. Old Business

- **2018-2019 Rye After School Program**

Gregg Mikolaities mentioned that he has not forwarded a letter to the Board of Selectmen that was previously discussed at the last meeting because of the recent developments with the school reconfiguration. Included in the meeting packet was the original letter and edits provided by Stephen King.

It was discussed that a letter should still be forwarded to the Board of Selectmen notifying them of this year’s waiting list and the continued need for a long term solution. In addition, the need for the Board of Selectmen to negotiate space with the School Board in the event that more space becomes available due to the reconfiguration.

Included in the meeting packet was the waiting list broken down by the number of students each day: Monday 13, Tuesday 17, Wednesday 17, Thursday 11, and Friday 9.

*Motion was made by Joe Persechino to table the remainder of the agenda.
Seconded by Brett Mulvey. Motion carried.*

- **Town of Rye Building and Grounds Position**

Tabled until next month's meeting.

- **Recreation Area and Firearms**

Tabled until next month's meeting.

F. New Business

- **2019 Budget**

Tabled until next month's meeting.

- **Program Updates**

Tabled until next month's meeting.

G. Adjournment

*Motion was made by Brett Mulvey to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m.
Seconded by Joe Persechino. Motion carried.*