



RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
Monday, November 1st, 2021, 6:00 p.m.
The Wave Community Center at Rye Congregational Church
580 Washington Road, Rye, NH

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

- i. Cory Belden, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:01pm

II. Roll Call

- i. Cory Belden, Chairperson; Stephen King; Joe Persechino; Todd Cronin, Meghan Spaulding, Recreation Director, and Vicki Loring
- ii. Absent: Gregg Mikolaities
- iii. Late Arrival: Brett Mulvey

III. Approval of Minutes

- Meeting Minutes of October 4th, 2021
 - i. **Motion was made by Todd Cronin to approve the Meeting Minutes of October 4th, 2021 as presented. Seconded by Steve King. Motion carried**

IV. Correspondence

Other

V. Old Business

- RFP Recreation Area Master Plan Update
 - Cory Belden informed the group that the subcommittee interviewed and put forth a recommendation to the Select Board to hire Ironwood Landscape Architecture out of Exeter, NH to do the work on the Site Plan update. On Monday, October 25th the Select Board passed the memo for the Recreation Commission to use this company for this project.
 - Over the next month a contract between the Rye Recreation and Ironwood Landscape will be written up and worked out.
- Recreation Commission Vacancy (Open)
 - There is still no letters of interest for the open seat on the commission. They mentioned they will work on a few people to get at least four people on the commission.
 - Meghan brought up and reminded that there are a few of the people on the commission who will be up in March for re-appointment and asked them to be on the lookout this winter for an email from the Office of the Select Board.
- Winter Programming / Newsletter
 - Meghan gave an update about the current program status and ones for the future. The main programs that she covered was After School care, youth basketball, adult basketball, fitness and ski program.
 - Youth Basketball is planned to start on December 4th. This league will be put together by Brett Mulvey.

- Over 55 programming
 - Meghan informed the commission about the status of the current fitness programs and the educational luncheons.
 - Educational luncheons are planned through March 2022 and will be overseen by Vicki.
 - Fitness programs such as Chair Yoga, Strength and Balance and Adult Yoga will continue as planned through December. The instructors are independent outside the staff having to provide cleaning of the equipment.
- The Wave
 - Meghan informed the commission that they had a staff person and volunteer come in over the weekend to build some of the furniture.
- Other

VI. New Business

- RCC Lease
 - i. Meghan brought an updated RCC Lease agreement to the commission for the year of 2022. This agreement has had one addition to it which is the use of the RCC gym space for Senior Fitness Programs. This addition will be a great help to Rye Recreation to be able to plan programs easier with instructors.
 - ii. **Motion was made by Joe Persechino to approve the RCC Lease and to have the Town Administrator, Becky Bergeron, sign the lease in the absence of the Recreation Director. Seconded by Todd Cronin. Motion Carried.**
- Budget Update
 - i. Meghan gave an FY 22 budget update as Cory and herself will be having the budget meeting on Thursday, November 4th at 1:00pm. She mentioned that a few increases come from hiring a cleaning company for the Rec-house bathrooms, purchase of new soccer goals and website update.
 - ii. Brett Mulvey brought up the idea to increase staff wages to help recruit more part time staffing. He suggests to increase from \$17.30 an hour to \$19.30 an hour. This increase would affect the wages line in the Recreation Revolving account.
 - iii. FY 21 budget update was not given as Meghan did not receive the update sheets prior to the meeting.
- Update on staffing for ASP/ The Wave
 - i. Meghan informed the commission of the staff shortage they are facing in the after school program. Outside of the recreation director and the program assistant there are three staff people. Due to schedules and illnesses some days we have about 1 other person working. She asked the commission to review the new staff shortage policy and provide feedback.
 - ii. Joe Persechino made the suggestion if we can safely run this program for the next few weeks and inform our families of the staffing issues we are facing? Meghan and Vicki said “yes, as there are days off due to teacher workshop days and Veterans days to help the staffing schedule.”
 - iii. Todd Cronin made a suggestion if we do not get staff we may have to close the program due to safety issues.
 - iv. Meghan mentioned we are still looking to hire an individual to work the middle school after school program.
- Conservation Commission Meeting update
 - i. Cory and Steve attended 10/19
 - 1. Cory mentioned that Steve and he went to the meeting on October 19th. They said the wetlands specialist was hired to delineate the wetland buffer and to see if the grass clippings are in that zone. Cory said we will receive information from

the Conservation commission once the study is done and will work with the group to identify a new area for the clippings.

2. If this area is deemed unusable Rye Recreation will have to work on getting the clippings removed.

- New Director Hiring Process

- i. A subcommittee has been formed to sit as a part of the hiring process: Cory Belden, Brett Mulvey and Joe Persechino.

Motion was made by Joe Persechino to accept the three Recreation Commissioners as members of the hiring process. Seconded by Brett Mulvey. Motion carried.

- Other

- i. The Recreation Commission will be adding another November meeting on their calendars. ***The meeting date was set for Monday, November 15th at 6:00pm at The Wave.***

VII. Adjournment

- **Motion was made by Steve King to adjourn the Rye Recreation Meeting at 7:22PM Seconded by Todd Cronin. Motion carried.**

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