



RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
Monday, January 10, 2022, 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

- Cory Belden, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

II. Roll Call

- Cory Belden, Chairperson; Stephen King; Joe Persechino; Todd Cronin; Brett Mulvey; Marlene Veloso and Vicki Loring, Administration and Programs Assistant
- Guests: Susan McFarland and Susan Shepcaro (Conservation Commission)

III. Approval of Minutes

- Meeting Minutes of December 6, 2021
Meeting minutes were not completed, so they were not approved.

IV. Old Business

- Conservation Commission
There was much discussion about the Rye Recreation property which abuts the Rye Conservation Land to include monuments on the four-corners to mark the property, the storm water coming from a six-inch pipe at a gate on the soccer field, the possible effect it has on the marsh and the removal of grass clippings in Spring 2022. No decisions were made except to put a line item in the Request for Proposal (RFP) for Turf Management to figure out the cost of removing the clippings off-site each time the fields are mowed in 2022. There are sand bags and a net along the east periphery of the field that need to be removed.
- Winter Programming
 - Ski/Snowboard Program
The Ski/Snowboard Program will run this year even though Rye Recreation will take a loss.
 - Basketball
Due to the uptick in COVID cases, the Commission decided to limit the number of people at games/practices for Grades K-4 basketball at Rye Elementary School by only allowing one parent/adult per child and no siblings until further notice. An email will be sent to all parents/guardians. Brett Mulvey said he would like to find other teams for the girls Grades 3-4 team to scrimmage with.
 - Over 55 Programming
The winter programs include three luncheons, one day-trip, chair yoga, and strength and balance. All have been well attended in the past.
- After School Program – Staffing Update
The After School Program is fully staffed and staff training is ongoing using Expert Online Training.

- Winter Flyer
The Rye Recreation Winter Flyer has been published and sign-ups begin Tuesday, January 11, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.
- Recreation Commission Vacancy
There are two open positions on the Rye Recreation Commission. All Commissioners should try to recruit for these positions.
- Master Plan Update – Ironwood Contracted
Cory Belden announced to the Commission that Ironwood has been contracted to prepare a master plan update for Rye Recreation.
- The Wave – Cable Wiring Status (Rockport)
The Wave for middle school students needs staffing, but will wait for the new director to start and hopefully have a March 2022 kick-off.

V. Correspondence
None

VI. New Business

- Turf Management Request for Proposal (RFP)
The Commission agreed to allow a line item in the RFP for grass removal costs off-site. Questions were brought up about aeration and applications necessary for the fields
- Recreation Annual Report (Due January 21, 2022)
Cory Belden agreed to write the Recreation Annual Report and Marlene Veloso agreed to proofread once Cory completed the report.

VII. Non-Public Session (1) per RSA 91-A:3, II (a) Hiring

- **Motion was made by Brett Mulvey and seconded by Joe Persechino to enter a non-public session at 7:12 p.m. Motion carried.**

VIII. Adjournment

- **Motion was made by Marlene Veloso to adjourn the Rye Recreation Meeting at 8:25 p.m. Seconded by Brett Mulvey. Motion carried.**