



RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING Minutes
Monday, September 12, 2022, 6:00 p.m.
The Wave Community Center
At Rye Congregational Church
580 Washington Road, Rye, NH

In attendance: Joe Persechino, Brett Mulvey, Dyana Martin, Marlene Veloso, Cory Belden

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 by Cory Belden.

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

1. Meeting Minutes approval. Brett motioned to approve the meeting minutes of the previous meeting and Cory seconded that ...The minutes were approved- Unanimous.

2. Grass clippings. We had another discussion of how to solve the grass clipping situation. Joe and Cory had a suggestion for where the grass clippings could be moved to which was directly across from where they are currently being stored. Dyana stated that she had been at a conference and that she had seen a demo of a robotic mower – she shared some info on it and suggested that we meet with the sales rep about the product. The product would eliminate the grass clipping issues. We would still need to have the area weed whacked and fertilized etc. Cory suggested that I ask them to come to a meeting and Marlene suggested that the rep gather info on our property first to give us some real numbers to present at the meeting. All agreed.

3. Old Business: Members for the committee. The group is continuing to look for new members for the commission seats that are available.

4. New Business:

- Fall Programs: Dyana talked a little about the ski program and not wanting to lose money on it. There was discussion on it and the committee suggested that maybe we should try out Thursday night or Friday night at Gunstock as a first choice or King Pine or Bradford. Dyana is to look into it.
- Flag Football: Dyana discussed wanting to start a flag football league in Rye as she had heard that Hampton was not longer doing it. Dyana is to look into that as well.
- New employees: Dyana talked about the two new hires that she had for the After School Program and the one that “ghosted” her. The two new hires, Tamara De Marco and Andrea Barry are working out great. She also mentioned that she had promoted Dennis Okyere to the position that Chris Martin vacated and he also is doing great and getting many compliments from the parents on him and the afterschool program.

5. The Wave pricing: Dyana discussed with the commission that the Congregational Church's pricing is going up as of September 1.

6. Budget: Dyana discussed with the commission members the 2 budget items that she would like to propose to get their thoughts and permission to add to the budget for next year. The two new items for the budget were a Full time Assistant Director/Programmer and a 10 hour a week Parks Maintenance person that could help with the odd jobs around the park and building as well as weekly upkeep for the trash removal and office cleaning. The group thought both were great ideas and Cory stated that he thought Dennis would be a good person to move into one of those positions.

7. Basketball Program: Dyana brought up the adult basketball program and the need to charge for it and Brett brought up some suggestions for that as well as for the youth basketball program. Brett is going to meet with Dyana on Thursday to help and discuss in more detail.

Meeting was called to adjournment at 8:20 with Brett making the motion and Cory seconding that motion. Unanimous.