



RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Monday, December 5, 2022, 6:00 p.m.

The Rye3w Recreation Office

55 Recreation Rd., Rye, NH

In attendance: Joe Persechino, Marlene Veloso, Susan Ross, Brett Mulvey, Dyana Martin, Cory Belden and Joseph Cumming came in at 6pm to discuss tennis courts with the commission.

The meeting was then called to order when Joe departed at 6:20pm

- The group recited the Pledge of Allegiance and started the meeting.

Old Business

- **Master Plan**-Cory stated that survey cards were to be sent tomorrow by midnight. There were 160 responses have been filled out for the survey so far. Susan stated a percent makes it reliable but was unsure what that percentage was. Cory stated that the survey closes this week and we should see the results from Ironwood and Jeff Hyland soon after it closes. Joe asked how the commission should work moving forward with Ironwood- Cory wants Ironwood to take the lead on priorities. Marlene stated the issue will be getting the online survey out to more people. It was discussed that they all generate the report, the group will meet and go forward from there. Marlene stated that she would send it to all the people she knows as a last call for submissions.
- **Budget Update**- Cory discusses that he and Dyana has been to 2 meetings- budget committee and Selectmen's meeting in regard to the budget. The rec budget had so far been passed forward to be voted on.
- **Winter Sports**- Dyana discussed winter sports including ski with 45 kids signed up and basketball with 85 kids playing.
- **Rye 400th**-The 400th anniversary of Rye was discussed by Dyana. She stated that so far she had secured a couple of bands and food trucks. She also has acquired a firm that will provide a logo for the aerial photo, and she is working on the schedule of events for the day....which has been moved to August 19th.

New Business

- **Summer Camp**-Marlene discussed the summer camp, and that information should be sent out early. Dyana state that she hopes to get the info out by mid-February.
- **Warrant article**- there was discussion in regard to the 14-passenger bus and Cory and Dyana talked about how they will be discussing it at the next Selectmen's meeting. Cory stated that he had talked with Senior Serve and discussed their schedule and ideas that we would need it for including volunteer dinners, trips etc. and the response that he got was that the bus is on call. Dyana suggested that if we were to be able to get the bus that for insurance purposes the only people that could drive the bus would be Town employees that would include not only the rec staff but also Rye police, fire, DPW and library personnel.
- **Field improvements**- There was discussion in regard to the Little League field and if Rye Little League were to keep the majors that they would need to allow 13-year-olds to play in the league and they would have to change the infield configuration on the field or the other option is for them to go and play interleague play with Portsmouth. Either way the field might need to be expanded. Brett also brought up the fact that Rye softball really has no softball field and there might be an opportunity for this field to have a portable mound so the field could be used for softball as well. Cory suggested that the skin infield be changed on Flash Jenness and the older Little League children play at the lower field. The group discussed adding field use to the warrant article then Joe stated that the group should stick with the master plan before we add any more fields or renovations. Cory also discussed possibly doing a block retaining wall by Flash Jenness and it was agreed that there should be more discussion in regard to that.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm- Adjournment motioned by Brett, seconded by Joe. Vote was unanimous.