



## RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING Minutes

Tuesday, January 10, 2023, 6:00 p.m.

The Wave Community Center

At Rye Congregational Church

580 Washington Road, Rye, NH

In attendance: Brett Mulvey, Marlene Veloso, Joe Persechino, Cory Belden, Dyana Martin. Steve King was unable to attend.

The Meeting was called to order at 6:00 by Cory and the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

**Meeting Minutes:** The group reviewed the meeting minutes from October and December. Cory motioned to accept the minutes of October seconded by Brett, unanimous, and then Cory motioned to accept the meeting minutes for December changing the spelling errors as amended by Brett who also seconded the motion.....all were in favor.

**Master Plan:** Cory stated that Ironworks said that they wanted to meet regarding the Master Plan. Cory then talked about the LL Baseball field not needing to change in dimension after all, but there was still discussion about softball. The easiest to do, would be to use the lower field for softball, however, the commission would like softball to come to them to discuss their needs before any moves are made. And Joe reiterated that any changes should be put into part of the Master Plan timing. Cory spoke about some ideas that came from Jeff Ross stating that if we could do a convert to the Flash Jenness field and it could also be used by softball that we could hold tournaments there. Cory also stated that he is now the Field Manager for the Rye Little League, and he talked about the Rye Little League doing a field clean-up day each year. Dyana suggested that on that day in 2023, that the wood that was placed around the bleachers should be removed and everyone was in agreement that that needs to be addressed.

Cory also mentioned as part of the Master Plan discussion that there ended up being 165 responses to the survey, we need to meet with the user groups separately and then meet again with Ironwood. Marlene asked about the deadline for the Masterplan to be complete and Joe suggested that we should have it done by September for the CIP.

Marlene asked about the Mission statement and Dyana stated that she would find it and email it out.

Joe suggested that Cory talk with baseball and Softball to meet and talk with Ironwood.

**Budget and Warrant articles:** Dyana talked about the budget and what was in the line items and stated that it had moved on to the next phase of the budget season. And she also mentioned that the Deliberative Session was scheduled for February 4<sup>th</sup>. Then after discussion about the budget she and

Cory and Joe talked again about the warrant articles and the reasons for pulling the 14 passenger bus from the warrant this year- again mostly because they want it to finish the Master plan first.

**Winter Programs Update:** Dyana stated that the ski program was going great and that there were many compliments on the new location. 50 children were attending the program! Also there are 85 children in the basketball program and all were having a great time there as well.

**Spring and Summer Programs:** Dyana discussed that she is working on all the summer programming and that she has reached out to contractors for a baseball camp, basketball camp, theater camp, the Wizards Camp and Legos Camp as well as a soccer camp and golf lessons. She is also trying to start Pickleball Lessons again as well as a youth Pickleball Camp and a Pickleball League. She is also advertising a Paint your own "Faberge" wooden egg just before Easter and was asking the Commissions thoughts on an Easter Egg Dig at the Beach. She discussed that she had done this before in Hampton and it was a huge success and great event. She would like to hold it at Wallis Sands. She was unsure about using plastic eggs though. Joe stated that maybe we could use wooden eggs and that the children could return them for chocolate. Everyone loved the idea. She also stated that the Easter Bunny would be there to take pictures with the children and there was a suggestion to have a food truck there to offer coffee or hot chocolate. After discussion it was decided to try it out and Dyana stated she would get going on the planning of it. Dyana also stated that she is hoping to offer a special event this summer for the seniors in conjunction with the Fire, Police and Library staff. The event would be a Strawberry Festival in July as that is the best strawberry season. The Rec department would provide the entertainer and the library would provide their outdoor space and the Fire and Police would provide and serve the Strawberry Shortcake. The group agreed that that was a great idea also.

Meeting was called to adjourn at 8:30 pm by Brett, seconded by Joe. Unanimous.

Next meeting February 6, 2023