



RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 21, 2023, 6:00 p.m.

The Wave Community Center
At Rye Congregational Church
580 Washington Road, Rye, NH

In attendance: Cory Belden (Chair), Brett Mulvey, Joe Persechino, Marlene Veloso, and Dyana Martin (Recreation Director)

Guests: Joe Cummins (resident) and Deb Uliano (resident)

The meeting was called to order at 6:06pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Cory asked Joe Cummins if he had anything he wanted to bring up but he answered that he was going to stay for the meeting.

Cory asked the group to look over the meeting minutes of 2/7/23 and 2/23/23 for approval. The group took a few minutes to look them over, then Joe P. made a motion to accept the minutes of 2/7/23 and 2/23/23 with an exception. Cory stated that we needed to change the 2/23/23 minutes to state that the funds were approximately \$25,000 and Joe P. then stated that the Rye Little League was purchasing it and not the Rye Recreation Commission. Brett made the motion to accept both sets of minutes and Cory seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Old Business: Master Plan Update – Joe P., Cory and Dyana met with Ironwood. Cory talked about how productive the meeting was. He talked about the meeting with other Rye sport organizations to see what their needs were and adding the survey results in. One item he mentioned was the pickleball/basketball/tennis court and how they would be at the park. Joe P. stated they (Ironwood) were going to create two scenarios so we could go over the choices at the April meeting and fine tune for them for the May meeting, then take the final plan to our August meeting to generate a buzz for the new plan to add to the CIP to then prioritize the needs. Joe P. stated top priorities were to include community space – then other items were second tier that the group were talking about. So, the new plan will have a design with two alternatives that will come out of this: (1) a brand-new building or (2) expand onto the existing storage facility. Cory

reiterated that hopefully the next meeting will have some designs. Joe P. also stated that Cory and Joe P. could help with details, grading, and dimensions.

Easter Egg Dig- Dyana spoke about the Easter Egg Dig and Marlene stated that she had two helpers for the egg redemption table. Dyana confirmed the donation from Tate and Foss for the chocolates and Brett for the Easter Bunny and Joe P. for the donation of the use of the Easter Bunny costume. All were looking forward to the event.

Volleyball – Brett brought up the name of a possible volleyball coach – his name is Ray Panek. He stated that Ray usually puts up the net at Pirate Cove. Joe Cummins then chimed in and stated that if we were going to be taking in a donation for the Easter Egg Dig candy prizes, that we needed to send that to the Selectmen...We all agreed that we were aware, and Dyana stated that she would add that to one of their next agendas.

Joe Cummins then asked a question about the master plan and what it is going to cost in the future. Joe C then reiterated that he's disappointed that the Town doesn't like tennis courts and did not vote for them. Cory stated that we would not know what the cost of the Master plan items would be until we know what the town had decided was what they wanted in the recreation area. Then Dyana stated to Joe C. that if courts were on the agenda of wanted items, that the courts would be multi-use- meaning we would most likely have tennis, pickleball and possibly basketball all included.

Rec Commission members -re-appointments- There was a vote to reappoint Joe Persechino to the for a 3-year term. Marlene made the motion, seconded by Brett...all were in favor. Joe will write a letter to the Selectboard to be reappointed and Cory will write a letter from the Commission nominating him back onto the board.

Turf and Mowing Lawn Service Bid- Dyana stated that she had contacted Shawn Crapo to walk the field and that he would be back on Thursday to make some suggestions and then she will get the bid out.

Joe Cummins brought up the batting cage and the possible need for a public hearing. Cory suggested that we meet with Matt about the limit for donations for a public hearing.

A motion was then made for adjournment by Joe and seconded by Brett. The vote was unanimous at 7:15pm. Dyana