



RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, December 20, 2023, 6:00 p.m.
Rye Congregational Church
580 Washington Rd., Rye, NH 03870

In attendance: Jonathan Fox, Cory Belden, Brett Mulvey, Joe Persechino, Richard Furber, Dyana Martin

Regrets: Stacy Krecklow, Marlene Veloso

The meeting was called to order at 6:09pm. The group went over the minutes of the previous meeting. Richard made the motion to accept the minutes and Jon seconded the motion...all were in favor.

There was discussion regarding the financials. Cory stated that anything over \$15,000 had to go to warrant article or capital outlay. Joe asked about the donation fund and stated that it might be possible to make a change if we find that we can spend out of the donation fund without having the town vote and that maybe we could retract the warrant article ...and if not, we do nothing and move forward with the warrant article.

Cory stated that he believes that we should take a vote to make it official that we are intending to use that fund for the design work for the warrant article – Joe then did an overview of what we were looking for in the design warrant article – He stated that Phase 1 was to get the architectural design to move the offices to the storage area, bathrooms and plan for the footing for the gymnasium. Phase 2 – to do the gymnasium and parking lot. Phase 3- to either move the playground to add in the pickle ball courts, basketball courts, pump track etc. Cory made a motion to allow the Rye Recreation Commission to spend up to \$75,000 from the donations fund for the design of the offices, bathrooms and footprint for the gymnasium. Brett seconded the motion and it was a unanimous vote.

Cory moved to the next item on the agenda. The Fundraising Subcommittee. This committee would be made of three people for the rec commission for finding funds for the recreation department. This committee could also include others from outside of the

commission but would have at least three from the commission. The names that came up for outside help were Katelyn Delaney and Richard suggested Ed Melon. Dyana suggested that maybe Deb Toohey might be interested as well. Cory then made a motion to establish a Fundraising Subcommittee of the Recreation Commission with Richard Furber as the Chair. Jonathan seconded the motion, and it was unanimous again. Joe volunteered to help get the Fundraising Committee established and the group would contact Stacy and Marlene to see if either of them would be interested in serving on the committee.

Cory brought up the Wave Teen Club and Dyana discussed it with the group – she stated that it was going to start up on January 4th but that no children had signed up as of yet.

Cory then brought up the cell tower discussion that had been mentioned at the last Selectboard meeting. All agreed that if the discussion came up again for an area for the tower that the commission would be part of the discussion.

Cory also brought up that Kelly Gallant had worked at the Recreation Department for several years and thought that maybe there should be a donation to the Toy Bank made on behalf of Rye Recreation Commission. Joe made a motion to make a donation to the Toy Bank in the amount of \$250 and Cory seconded the motion. Unanimous. Dyana was requested to ask Becky if that was feasible to do, and if so, what account it could come from.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 8th at the Wave.

Joe made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Cory seconded the motion. Unanimous at 7:35pm.