

Strafford Recreation Board Meeting  
January 9, 2017

In attendance: David Taplin, Scott Moore, Ellen Bagnato and John Freitag.

Agenda:

- 1) Minutes from November meeting were approved.
- 2) Budget inquiries from our last meeting were discussed.
- 3) Members discussed that no residents volunteered to help with the ice rink. Various ideas were discussed to make the rink more manageable for 2017/2018. Ellen will contact the town of Sharon to get ideas on how do they put up and maintain their rink. Rec board members were enthusiastic about the idea of encouraging individuals/families to sign up to maintain the rink for one week of the winter. In addition, volunteers would need to attend the rink raising “party” where participants get the rink started for the year, share soup and cider and are given instructions on how to maintain the rink throughout the year. Greater publicity is needed to generate the commitment to make this happen.
- 4) The recreation board’s report for town meeting was approved.
- 5) Members set a tentative date of May 20 at 1:00 for the tennis court grand opening celebration. We hope to include a ribbon cutting, cake and lemonade. Details will be finalized at our next meeting.
- 6) Board members discussed the logistics of repairing the retaining wall at the red barn. We hope to do this in June. David and John are coordinating this and communicating with the summer program regarding logistics.
- 7) John will communicate with Tom Scull regarding the pizza oven study committee.
- 8) The preschool playground will require some woodchips again this year. John will coordinate with Erin M for chips for the Newton playground and the preschool playground.

Next meeting Monday, April 10, 2017 at 7:00 pm at the Newton School Library.