

## RECREATION BOARD

**The Strafford Recreation Board believes that recreation is critical to a healthy mind and body and that recreation enriches our community and our connection to one another. With that in mind, the mission of the Strafford Recreation Board is to provide well-maintained town recreation facilities and encourage outdoor recreation for all ages.**

5.21.18

Present: Jason Loomis, Dave Taplin, Christa Wurm, John Freitag (liason to the board)

- Review minutes
- Tennis Lessons
  - Karen Didrickson is in! Certified coach, working with US Tennis Association.
  - No charge for self, money could go to PTA/One Planet
  - Sunday afternoons? Meg will follow up
  - Can bring gear to afterschool program ***Meg share contact info with Kiersten***
  - (Do we have a lobster in the red barn?!? ***Jason will talk to BJ***)
  - ***Meg to confirm arrangements w/Karen***
    - Karen Didricksen  
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- Recreation Board Manager
  - Only one application – John Freitag!
  - Motion to hire candidate – unanimously in favor!
- Ice Rink Debrief
  - Survey Monkey – 10 questions max, will use Googleforms next time
  - 17 respondents – great considering it's summer!
  - Organization of volunteers options
    - Team of 7 got 0 votes
    - Just like last season
  - Should we continue to ask for input or go with what we have
    - Put another survey out in the fall
      - Include the goals in the intro – to make it fun, low-stress, welcoming
  - Gaining interest – make it fun for the littles, the parents have to be there, don't have anything to do, might as well shovel the rink
  - Regular events rinkside – full moon skating parties (and shoveling)

- Grass was still there when we pulled up the plastic – 2 weeks earlier next year.
- Water
  - Pump – hadn't been run in a while, lots of rust, needs someone to check it out – **Jason will talk to Mark Castro re: fixing pump**
  - Fire Dept. has designated nozzle, hose for rink
- Motion to move trash container from pre-school to outside pocket park
  - Water buckets at pocket park are getting trash put in them because there isn't any other receptacle.
  - The board decided to go ahead with the suggestion
  - **John will move the container w/Wally and Barbara**
- Outlet on Common
  - Ned and Vi Coffin used to let the town use their house for electrical hook-ups
  - Suggestion to use Town house meter and run from there to a pedestal in the common
    - Cover and protection from water, lock for security
  - Cost would be +- 3,000
  - Would the Rec Board want to put something toward that?
  - **Motion to donate 500 to that project from the Rec Board – seconded and approved**
- Final Draft of the Preschool playground agreement
  - Who decides what is major vs. minor repair – select board said: The Rec Board!
  - Rec Manager does minor repairs, bring to the Board bigger
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- World Cup Viewing
  - [Website](#)
  - Fox Sports 1
  - June 14 – July 15
    - Saturday 6.16
      - 6 am France v. Australia
      - 9 am Argentina v. Iceland
      - 12 pm Peru v. Denmark
      - 3 pm Croatia v. Nigeria
    - Sunday 6.17 *Fathers' Day*
      - 8 am Costa Rica v. Serbia
      - 11 am Germany Mexico
      - 2 pm Brazil v. Switzerland
    - Saturday 6.23
      - 2 pm Germany v. Sweden
    - Sunday 6.24
      - 8 am England v. Panama
      - 11 am Japan v. Senegal
      - 2 pm Poland v Colombia

- **Dave to talk to Melvin re: using the space**
- **Jason to talk to EC Fiber**
- **John follow up with Greg re: projector and possible Plan B**
- Red Barn Wall Repair
  - Still in the works – Calvin knows it’s happening
  - Quimby Mtn. quarry for more stone
  - Communicate the budget to work within.
  - Backfill at Morrill Homestead
  - **Dave to talk to Calvin**
- Skateboard Ramp
  - Insurance responses
    - Need to be permanently fixed
    - Need to be “supervised”
  - Location
    - Tennis Courts?
    - School?
  - Decision
    - **Jason investigate existing skate parks, see what aspects might be transferrable**
- Preschool Sign
  - Information to be include
    - Open to the Public when Pre-School is not in session (dawn to dusk)
    - Designed for children ages 3-5.
    - No glass containers.
    - No bare feet, wear proper footwear.
    - Parent supervision required at all times.
    - Play at your own risk.
  - **John will follow up on cost to come out of operating funds – check w/Greg**
- New Business
  - Crack on the courts: roadside net **John will follow up with insurance for warranty**
  - Sign for Tennis Courts re: bike skidding **John will make sign and get it laminated at**
- Next Meeting
  - To be confirmed over email – proposed **September 10, 7 pm**
- Adjourned 8:04 pm!