

Recreation Board Meeting
September 6, 2016 at 7:30 in the Newton School Library

Attending: Dave Taplin, Scott Moore, Hilary Linehan, Ellen Bagnato, John Freitag.

Agenda:

1. Swimming lessons: Item was tabled until our next meeting.
2. Proposed Mission Statement: The recreation board discussed and approved the below mission statement and agreed to consider it in future decision making.
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.
3. Tennis Court Update: The contract has been signed and we are working with Vermont Recreational Surfacing and Fencing to begin work this fall. Thank you to the many people who made this a reality. The board discussed the opportunity to have a celebration and formal opening of the courts in the spring. Opportunity to write a grant in order to obtain equipment. Discussion to follow at winter meeting.
4. Soccer Camp Review
Not many youth participated but those who did had a good time.
Rec Board agreed to run the same camp next year at approximately the same time.
Need volunteers to host coaches next year.
Need to improve efforts to get kids registered- advertise in school newsletter and get word out in spring.
5. Ice rink: Many thanks go out to the volunteers who worked hard on the ice rink last year to make it accessible. A work day will be scheduled on a Saturday in November. Announcements will go out on the listserve.
6. Red Barn: In an effort to make more residents aware of the resources at the Red Barn, the Recreation Board will host an "open barn" on Saturday, December 3. This is the same date as the craft sale. Recreation Board members will be available to fit residents for skates and skis. Donations of recreational gear in good condition will also be accepted. More information to come.
7. Board members discussed maintenance of Strafford recreation areas.
8. Meeting Dates: Meetings are scheduled quarterly on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 in the evening. For future meetings, the chair will remind rec board members of the date one month ahead of time. Our next meeting is scheduled for January 9 at 7:00 pm at the Newton School Library.