

4.15.20

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- Baseball
 - Lancer and Aaron are in charge of the central VT league. They are asking towns to decide if they want to have teams rostered by May 1 to start playing May 15. Many teams are opting out, Neal MacPhail would be the person to make the decision. They would defer to any state restrictions, but a decision should be made by the town. Laura thinks that May 15 is too early.
 - hoping to move on to summer season or fall ball
 - how does the Rec Board feel about the league use their fields if it does go on?
 - Should they repay the money to Strafford that they paid to use their fields for four teams.
 - **Someone will contact Laura and Hilary after Shawn's meeting tomorrow.**
 - **Hilary will check policy for field use and get back to Laura**
- Calendar discussion
 - Idea to have a single calendar for all the fields
 - Laura didn't have access to the calendar to be able to change it
 - Can Newton add the Rec Board calendar to the Newton google calendar
 - **Laura and Jason will talk offline and report back.**
- Red Barn painting
 - Christa made a motion that John paint. Unanimously approved. \$200-300
 - \$15/hour plus materials
- Soccer survey results
 - Don't have the results from the survey
 - TWO responses!
- Soccer and Art camp scheduling
 - Schedule same week? - dependent on the first week of school, 2-3 weeks before, week of August 10th
 - Cancel soccer camps, people won't sign up because there are so many uncertainties, and coaches aren't coming into the country now
 - Jedi Camp June 29 - July 3 conflicts with One Planet for gym
 - Tracy's barn?
 - Church on common? (Emergency shelter)
 - Barrett hall
- A motion to include athletic director on rec board
 - Christa made a motion for the Newton AD be a member of the Strafford Rec Board. Unanimously approved, pending approval from the selectboard and Principal, if necessary
 - **Hilary will contact select board and Tracy Thompson to see if they have to finalize the decision**
- How to streamline the scheduling of facilities and avoid double booking
 - Aligned with the calendar discussion
- Moving the skating rink to Newton playground
 - Discussed at school board
 - How insured, by whom?
 - School isn't opposed to it
 - Lower field by parking area is the leach field - can't do it there
 - Desire to raise interest and
 - Need a family of 6 to go pull existing rink liner.

- Need Jason to weigh in.
- Other business
 - Red Barn - need a new lock? Combo is common knowledge
 - want to keep town balls locked up during quarantine
 - Basketball hoops have been lowered, none see this as an issue as that was the intention, to be able to change.

Rec Board meeting 4/11/19

Present: Jason, Dave, Christa, Hilary, Leslie

Agenda items:

1. ice rink re-cap: Jason indicated it was better than last year, went well. Rink may be too big, will consider adjusting for next year, or get the leveling better. We will try to repair all leaks when we put it away. For next year just need people power, unless the membrane is too damaged to repair.
2. baseball/softball - field use, clean up, needs (road fencing, shed clean out/removal) Dave will look at fence and pay for fixing (thank you Dave)! Baseball program usually takes care of clean up at field. Will ask Lisa to order a port o lot
3. Rec field/location scheduling: we had the town create a calendar for rec field scheduling. All events on town property for rec purposes should go on this calendar. Like pocket park events, concerts on the common, or other events on the sports fields. Jason will check with John Freitag on the selectboard's thoughts on what events should go on this calendar.
4. baseball posts for cage – Neil wants to put in a few 4x4 post for additional baseball hitting practice. Discussion about what exactly he is talking about and whether it is necessary. More information is needed.
5. baseball grant – Neil has been working with Mascoma Bank to get a grant to put in a new field and/or fix up the field we have. Questions about where a second field would go. Rec board was not opposed to fixing the existing field and fixing the portable back stop, and getting grant money for new equipment. Board would like to hear Neil's ideas to consider in the future.
6. summer camps/programming

-Jedi Camp July 29-Aug 2. 9am-3pm. Advertising will start up soon for registration. Same organization and plan as last year.

-Soccer Camp Aug 12-16, morning 9am-Noon is soccer camp, afternoon 12:30-3:30 is sports camp. Registration is available on line.

-Art Camp: 9 years running, has been sponsored by PTA in past, PTA has said they don't have time to keep it going. Fee has been \$80 for half day, \$150 full day. Leslie needs a facility/organization to help. Camp has often around 15 people per session. 1 week camp with two – 2/12 hour sessions per day. Only weeks that work are the same weeks as soccer camp Aug 12 and/or Jedi camp July 29-Aug 2. Need to determine if we can pay Leslie to run the camp – can she be on the rec board in addition to being paid. Hilary will ask the town about this. Art camp will be in Newton School. Recommended to have it during soccer camp week. What do we require for paperwork for registration? Waivers, etc. Christa will look into this with the town clerk.

-other events – do we need waivers, etc if we have a Rec sponsored event, or can people plan an event and then just put it out to the public. Christa will check on this as well.

7. red barn clean out/opening dates – Jason will work with school. Open Barn on green up day May 4th. Open from 9-noon Hilary 9-10:30, Jason 10:30-Noon. Hilary to post on list serv.
8. red barn painting – John F is willing to paint for \$15 per hour since Frank is unavailable. Board approved this work and Jason will work this out with John and ask for an estimate.
9. retaining wall – Dave is still working on it. He is trying to get someone to commit to fixing it this summer.
10. playground mulch needs – Christa will talk to Pre school and Newton School and school about mulch needs. We thought we might be able to put up to \$500 towards this. Dave will find out if we can get this through Northern Nurseries.
11. Discussion about 4 –town forums and the opportunity to put in bike paths within the town from Strafford to South Strafford. Suggestion to have a sub-committee to work with this group on a trail system. Jason will reach out to locals who are interested and create some type of trails alliance group.
12. new member discussion & elect new officers
Recommendation to add Leslie Berger & Neil MacPhail to Rec Board