

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