

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.

DRAFT minutes for November Recreation Board Meeting

Date: 11/20/17

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Newton School Library

In attendance: Recreation Board Members: Ellen Bagnato, Dave Taplin, Hilary Linehan

Select Board Liason: John Freitag

Community Members: Jason Loomis, Mike Ekegren, Kasaundra Landon, Kim Hanchett, Boo (the dog)

1. Ice rink survey results were reviewed and discussed. Individuals shared ideas from past experience on maintaining a rink. Need to assess what resources/equipment we have. Jason Loomis volunteered to lead the effort to build and maintain an ice rink for winter of 2017-18 but he needs a team of willing and able volunteers. Jason will contact the survey respondents who expressed interest in helping with the rink. First step is to assess the state of the equipment and come up with a plan.
2. The open seat on the Recreation Board was discussed. The board unanimously supported Jason Loomis as a candidate. The Recreation Board has asked the Select Board to approve his nomination.
3. Review of the 2017 budget. The board unanimously approved up to \$1000 to be spent on the ice rink and the purchase of a second bench for the tennis courts. The board also agreed to ask for level-funding of the budget for next year. Hilary agreed to write the Recreation Board report for the town report this year.

4. The board discussed the need to initiate a recreation duties stipend in order to care for the recreation areas in Strafford. A job description was reviewed and approved. The board agreed to bring this up at the Select Board meeting so that the position could be advertised through the proper channels.
5. The board agreed that there is a need to raise awareness of what items in the Red Barn are available for Strafford residents to borrow, what type of donations are accepted and when donations are accepted.

The Red Barn will be open the first Saturday of each month from 9 am – 11am so that residents can borrow supplies. This will include December 2 and January 6. A recreation board member will be present to accept or deny any donations.

The barn will also be open from 9-11 on 12/30 so that families can outfit their students with ski equipment before the Lions Club Ski Program begins on 1/5.

If you cannot wait to access the red barn on these dates, please contact a recreation board member so that we can assist you.

Hilary Linehan: 765-4224

Ellen Bagnato: 291-3748

David Taplin: 785-4422

Christa Wurm: 765-4111

Meg Albee: 765-4767

John Freitag: 765-4003

The following sport equipment is generally accepted if it is in good condition: Alpine ski/snowboard, Nordic, ice skates, bike hockey and sky helmets, hockey sticks (no pads), tennis rackets, skate boards and roller skates. Soccer Cleats in good condition with laces. Shin Guards.

Medical Equipment donations are sometimes accepted. Currently the following items are available for Strafford residents to borrow: 2 hospital beds, crutches, walkers, toilet seats with handles, wheelchairs, shower seats.

The board is working on getting signs made to organize the inside of the barn as well as a sign for the outside of the barn to explain how to access equipment stored inside.

6. The next meeting of the recreation board will be at 7:00 pm Monday March 26 at The Newton School Library.