

Minutes
Guilford Recreation Commission Meeting
Wednesday, October 9, 2019 - 6:30-8:00 Guilford Town Office:

In attendance: Chris Zappala, Tadj Schreck, Eric Jones, Valerie Racine, Jake Dixon, Wendy Stone

I. Call To Order: 6:36pm

II. New Additions: Jake Dixon suggested the commission discuss the mission statement in the face of the several grants commissioners had recently written. We agreed to talk about it under New Business.

III. Approval of Minutes: We approved the minutes from September 11, 2019 by a unanimous vote.

IV. Finances: The Rec. Commission had three grant requests approved:

\$773 from RISE Vermont for garden beds, compost bin and water pump at the Playscape.

\$4,630 from the VT State Building Communities Grant, for the excavation of the parking, a wheelchair accessible walking trail, and a kiosk- improvements at the Playscape. This is a matching grant. Though The Commission already has matching funds available, commissioners discussed several potential fundraising ideas so as not to spend down the available balance. The work may begin the first or second week of November.

\$1499 again from RISEVT for the purchase of additional Nordic ski packages for Bill Koch Nordic Ski Project.

The current balance is \$15,545.

V. Old Business:

Wendy spoke with several neighbors of the Playscape about the improvements planned there. We discussed whether to consult with a landscape architect about Playscape plans.

We discussed beginning the Nordic Ski program again this year by speaking with the Principal at GCS and sending a survey to students to gauge interest.

Rec. Commission members will contact official at the Guilford Fairgrounds about using the Fairgrounds again this year for the WinterFest as well as possible additional access. If this is possible, it raises questions of grooming, plowing and frequency of each.

There was discussion about using Sweet Pond State Park and Weatherhead Hollow for winter sport activities such as skiing and skating. There was a general consensus that the trails and ice available are too overgrown or would require too much grooming to be practical.

The idea of a Winter Sports Alert, notifying residents of Winter Sport events in town was discussed.

VI. New Business: This year's Trunk or Treat will be held at the GCS on Saturday, Oct. 26, beginning at 5:30 and running until 7:30. The Commission still needs volunteers to help organize the food table, assist running the games held in the gym, and cleaning up both immediately after the event and then, on Sunday morning.

The commission's mission statement, it was agreed, needs to be reworked to reflect the commission's work as it has proceeded to better reflect the current and future projects.

VIII. Adjournment: 7:57pm