

Guilford Recreation Commission Meeting
Wednesday, December 11, 2019- 6:30- 8:00
Guilford Town Office

I. Recognition of Public: We welcomed Elisha Underwood from RiseVT at our meeting.

II. Call to Order: 6:38

III. Commissioners/ selectboard in attendance: Tadj Schreck, Jake Leach, Jake Dixon, Chris Zappala, Valerie Racine, Eric Jones, Wendy Stone, Verandah Porche

III. New Additions: An update from Elisha from RiseVT was added to new business.

IV. Changes to Agenda: No further changes were made to the agenda.

V. Approval of Minutes: from Nov. 13, 2019. A motion was made to approve these minutes, the motion was seconded and approved.

VI. Finances: Eric presented his financial report. The main change from October was that we have received more donations for the playscape project. We have currently made \$208.

We also received a new check for our RiseVT grant money that is funding more Nordic skis. As many more students signed up for the Nordic ski program this year, a motions were made to allocate unused funds from our 19/20 budget toward purchasing more Nordic skis.

We motioned to allocate the \$200 slated for the purchase of a pop-up canopy towards the purchase for more children's Nordic skis. This motion was seconded and unanimously approved without discussion.

We motioned to allocate the \$500 slated for programming at the BBCC towards the purchase for more Nordic skis. This motion was seconded, and some discussion ensued. In the end It was unanimously approved.

Mission Statement Discussion- Tadj gave us three different mission statement options. We selected one statement for further editing, to be officially voted on at our next meeting. Our new tentative mission statement is:

"The Guilford Recreation Commission fosters community connections and well-being for our town by supporting our public spaces and by collaborating with other community organizations to offer engaging, inclusive activities, designed to meet the needs of our neighbors."

20/21 Budget- Eric put together the proposed budget. We had a discussion about adding a storage shed in the admin/equipment section. We decided that an appropriate amount to slate for this project is \$3000. We also added \$500 for playscape maintenance for benches, shovels, rakes wheelbarrow, etc. to Eric's proposed budget.

Eric moved that we accept the new budget total for 20/21 for \$6,506. Valerie seconded the motion. No discussion and all were in favor. Motion passed.

Bill Koch Nordic Ski Project- Jake has put an order for new Nordic skis based on student sign-ups. We have 52 students signed up this year! This is up 27 students from last year, nearly double student interest! The total bill for skis from ski rack \$3800.71 for adding more inventory to outfit all 52 students. The gym is reserved to hand out skis

From Thursday 12/19 afternoon, as long as the skis are lined up along the window and out of the way for after school sports programs. Inventory is coming from the library as well as from Jake's house, and Jake will need help moving inventory from the library. She will pickup the new skis/poles etc. from Burlington. **Pickup is from 5:30-7:30 on Thursday December 19th.** We might need a snow day makeup, since it's been a snowy winter so far! Wendy will contact the homeschoolers about the time to pickup the skis. Double from last year!

Jake has an agreement written up to have parents sign about checking out their skis. It's both a legal release and tells students/parents that the skis and equipment need to be returned in good condition, otherwise they will need to replace it.

We need to decide whether we still want to offer Nordic skiing as a winter sport at GCS. The option is still available to us,, but we need instructors and chaperones. Do we know anyone? Jake will discuss the feasibility of this option further with John G. We might need to form a subcommittee to run the program.

Now that our check from RiseVT has officially arrived...

Jake D. motions that funds awarded to the Guilford Recreation Commission by the RiseVT 2019 amplify grant. \$1499 and funds of the Recreation Commission, \$1200, a total of \$2699 of Recreation Commission funds be applied to payment of a \$3871.40 invoice from The Skirack of Burlington, VT, for the purchase of Nordic skis, boots, poles. Motion was seconded by Eric. We had no discussion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Winter Sports in Guilford- David Franklin said everything sounds great with using the fairgrounds, even making the ice rink! He needs to discuss it with the board, plus we need to figure out plowing and fire dept. about water. The board needs to meet as a group, but we can probably say it's a "go." Jake L. will start talking to the fire dept. about making a skating rink.

Playscape Updates- Wendy met with Kitsie and walked along the property with two other community members. They decided that it would be best for the trail to go around total perimeter. This will increase the trail from 400 ft to 700ft. She will draft up a new estimate for this change. We will have to fundraise a bit more to cover this new estimate. The crew came and got started, but got delayed, and then we got snow, so work has ceased for the winter.

Winter Open Gym- No new news. Tadj is still planning Open Gym to be from January-April. Wendy talked to Elly M. and she's willing to help volunteer, and will coordinate with CC4G about partnering for us again.

VIII. New Business:

Upcoming dates-

Town report due 12/20

Budget due 12/16

Semi-annual report 12/23- Wendy and Eric will be there, They will read what Wendy wrote up for the town report (handout) as our report.

Ski package distribution: 12/19

RiseVT: Verandah announced that the selectboard is excited to be a gold standard town with RiseVT, that we got a grant for bike racks, and that it's great to have this be part of our town plan Elisha discussed this gold status further. She also discussed that she will need write ups from us soon! Any write-ups for town report and playscape, etc. They would like to put some of our reports on their website so that we can have this as a resource for other towns. Elisha would like a picture and a write up for grant funded projects, as soon as funding is used. Other write ups would be useful anytime. More grant money will be available next season!

Officer discussion- Eric and Wendy are stepping down from their chair and treasurer positions in July. We should think about whether we'd like to step into their big shoes!

Agenda for next meeting... Jake L. wants to discuss how we might make grooming possible for Nordic trails..

VIII. Adjournment: 8:17