

**Guilford Recreation Commission Meeting**  
**Wednesday, November 11, 2020 - 6:30-8:00**  
**Virtual Meeting link: [meet.google.com/qts-nhue-ahm](https://meet.google.com/qts-nhue-ahm)**

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**I. Commissioners in attendance:** Wendy Stone, Eric Jones, Ashley Kane, Tenzin Mathes, Verandah Porche, Tadj Schreck

**II. Recognition of Public:** no public in attendance

**III. Call to Order:** 6:38

**IV. New Additions:** no new additions

**V. Changes to Agenda:** no changes

**VI. Approval of Minutes:** Eric Jones motioned that we approve meeting minutes from 10/14/2020. The motion was seconded by Tadj, and was approved unanimously without further discussion.

**VII. Finances:**

Eric updated us on our finances. Our current balance is \$3,455. Our net loss was approximately \$55 from the past month, given our current record of receipts. We received money through the archery program and donations. We spent a total of about \$200 on scarecrows in the park, and we do not have the receipts from the Trunk or Treat event yet. The free passes program for Fort Dummer State Park has cost us \$42.00 so far this year. Jake has receipts that need to be added to the past month of expenditures and to receive reimbursement. Jake moves that we accept financial report, Ashley seconds, and the motion was approved unanimously without further discussion.

**VIII. Old Business:**

**New Rec commissioner-** We welcomed Tenzin Mathes for becoming a commissioner!

**Storage Sheds at the library and town office: updates**

**Library shed:** Jake discussed the best option for getting light into the shed. Scott Mathes suggested to her that a battery operated light would be a cheaper option and fully electrifying the shed. Tenzin and Jake have been hard at work with organizing the shed!

**Town Office Shed:** Thank you to the Guilford Road Crew for getting the shed into place! It has two keys currently, but we can make more copies for every commissioner.

**Archery Class with Karon Given @ Sportsmen Inc.**- 6 week program twice a week. Thanks to Ashley for all her work with this program! Overall was a good program, but attendance did flag at the end perhaps due to rescheduling or weather.

**Scarecrows in the Park**- We ended up having 25 scarecrows! The community really enjoyed the scarecrows. There will be an article in the gazette with photos. We all agreed that we should do this program again. Certain supplies we should be able to reuse year after year. It was great that this could also be incorporated in the library halloween program.

**Trunk or Treat at the Fairgrounds**- 23 trunks showed up! Everything went really well, and social distancing went smoothly.

### **BKNSP Updates:**

**-Nordic Ski package return and distribution** - Jake updated us that there are still nine returns to go. There are several people helping to reach out to these families, so we're hopeful. For this year's distribution, Eric mentioned that we should have this program work the same way as our other programs-- that everyone registers on the website, so that it's easier to keep tabs on the skis. Then there are multiple copies of the registration: one for Jake, one to the rec commission, one to the library. He suggested that we could have the skis get checked out through the library and they can sign the loan agreement at the library. He suggested also that we could still market through the school, but we'd just have better tracking. The library is on board with helping out pass out the skis. Jake will send along the details of her process for distributing skis in the past. Eric will put something together and run it by Jake. Redistribution could start on 12/18. We are hoping to get more skis returned soon.

-The school ski rack is currently behind the school. Jake will ask about getting the ski rack back in front of the school or perhaps at the fairgrounds.

-School loop trail: The school loop trail is currently going through the first grade outdoor classroom, and we should probably check with John G. about trail access - Jake volunteered to do this. A downed tree also needs to be removed.

### **Recreation Commission member recruitment**

We are looking to recruit three additional members. Eric will send out the a link to the current recruitment letter so that we can all make comments, and then we'll post it and send it out. Ashley suggested that we add the letter to the folders that students at GCS take home to parents.

**Fundraising for the Playscape matching grant:** We still need to raise \$4,211. We finished our fundraising letter, and we need to figure out what venues to post the letter online/ social media. We might mail some of the letters to key people, and we'll also have some at the playscape in conjunction with our donation box (we discussed emptying this often, due to local thefts).

**New name for the Commission-** Eric and Wendy looked into the process of changing our name, and it seems too complicated for right now.

### **IX. New Business:**

**Nordic Ski Lessons:** We planned for Jan 17, 24, 31, tentatively. Tenzin volunteered to be the main instructor for the ski lessons. Thanks Tenzin!

**Winterfest at the Fairgrounds-** We planned for February 7th and back-up day Feb. 14th.

**Recreation Commission Budget discussion for 2021 -**

The deadline for budget submission is Dec. 14th for next fiscal year.

-Jake and Tadj will consider the amounts allotted for the Nordic Ski Project and the Open Gym program respectively, and get back to Eric and Wendy.

-The playscape budget is for building more activity stations and may consult with a landscape architect to create a master plan/ vision for the park.

-BBCC events is a new program slated in the budget that is envisioned to be a once-a-month event at the community center.

- We have allotted similar amounts for most other programs in the 21/22 fiscal year as our current year, but we have of course not used all of our event funding this fiscal year because of COVID.

-Wendy will send out our current fiscal year budget so we can compare the two. We will all send our comments via email, and then we can make final comments and vote at our next meeting.

**RiseVT Grant for: Ice Skating at the Fairgrounds/New Adult Nordic Skis-**

Wendy might write a grant to get some Nordic skis at the library for adults to check out. She will contact Alisha from RiseVT about this idea. The ice skating rink at the fairgrounds has proved to be too complicated this year.

Last comment: As a reminder for future minutes and agendas: Send these minutes to Jake via email instead of a google doc.

**X. Adjournment:** 8:05