

Guilford Recreation Commission Meeting
Wednesday, December 09, 2020 -
minutes

I. Commissioners in attendance:

Wendy Stone, Eric Jones, Jake Dixon, Tadj Schreck, Verandah Porche, Chris Zappala

II. Recognition of Public:

Mary Wallace Collins, attended and is considering to join the Rec. Commission.

III. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 6:36pm

IV. New Additions: Selectperson Verandah Porche requested any photos that might be used in the annual town report

The commission acknowledged all of Tadj Schreck's contributions to the Recreation Commission's efforts over the years, particularly the "Birth to 5 Open Gym" program.

V. Approval of Minutes: from 11/11/2020

The minutes of the meeting of 11-11-20 were unanimously approved.

VI. Finances:

The finances remain unchanged from last report on 11-11-20. There were a number of Rec. Commission events, such as Bike Night, and The Town Picnic, that were not held because of the Covid-19 pandemic guidelines. The Rec. Commission is still planning to use all the funding allotted for gardening and and signs at the playscape,for the Winterfest and Bike Night in 2021. The Rec. Commission made \$90 on the Archery Program run last summer, and Fort Dummer was paid \$42 for the 14 participants in last Summer's Day Pass program.

Regarding the 2021 budget, Administrative costs have risen, accounting for a slight increase in the Rec. Commission's funding request. Otherwise, The Commission is planning to spend \$500 for instruction, trail maintenance, and equipment replacement in the Bill Koch Nordic Ski Program. The Birth To 5 Gym Program will need to replace some equipment.

At the end of the meeting, The Rec. Commission voted unanimously to approved the \$3580.00 FY22 Budget.

VII. Old Business:

Nordic Ski package return and distribution:

Six Nordic ski packages have not yet been returned from last year. The Commission is attempting to contact those individuals and families.

This year's distribution is complicated by public facilities closures.

The commission is working out distribution and cataloging processes.

Winterfest at the Fairgrounds: Sat., 2/13/20 (snow date Sun. 2/14/20) from 12-2:00: The Rec.

Commission is still waiting for final approval from the Fairground. The commission discussed

alternative activities, given current pandemic restrictions. Some ideas were creating snow sculptures (like the scarecrow event on the playscape this year). Or families sharing pictures of their winter activities, Or having the fairgrounds open for winter activities before and after the Winterfest date above.

Recreation Commission member recruitment

Mary Wallace Collins is recommended by the Commission to be approved as a member by the Selectboard.

Fundraising for the Playscape matching grant

There has been some fundraising via Facebook. A total of 8 donations, totalling \$350 was received. The commission discussed other fundraising ideas.

VIII. New Business:

Semi-annual Report for the Select Board:

The commission discussed adding pictures as requested to the report.

RiseVT Grant for: Ice Skating at the Fairgrounds/Adult Nordic Ski packages: While the Ice Skating at the Fairground idea is too costly at this time, the commission is discussing the possibility of organizing skating at Sweet Pond.

Wendy is preparing a request, due in January, for \$1500 for Adult Nordic skis.

Land & Water Conservation Fund Grant Opportunity for Municipalities

The Rec. Commission was unable to apply this year.

X. Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 7:43pm