Millis Recreation Committee

Via Zoom Meeting

June 1, 2020 at 6:00 pm

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**PRESENT:**

Kris Fogarty, Sue Vara, Tim Davis, Sharon Locke, Pam Mustard, Erin LeBlanc, Mike Banks

**Absent**: Steve Cassidy

**CALL TO ORDER:**

At 6:04 pm, Sue Vara called the meeting to order.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Tim Davis asked Kris Fogarty if there were any further department head budgetary conversations since we last met. Kris said she did speak with the Board of Health regarding regulations about re-opening camps and programming.

Tim also asked Kris about the meeting she was going to after our meeting last week. Apparently, the Permanent Building Committee was meeting to discuss the new Senior Center and the possibility of merging with the Recreation Department. There are a couple of different ideas regarding this possibility, one which would move the Recreation Department downstairs with the Council on Aging or another thought was to build a new building at Cassidy Field.

Kris stated that this was the first time she had heard of any of these considerations and asked the secretary to forward along the PDF plans, which at this point she has received. There has not been any further conversation with the Permanent Building Committee.

Discussion involved concerns regarding sharing spaces, whether or not this could work, if Kris feels this could work—she felt it had possibility, but needed further information to work it out. There was talk of seeing if the Recreation Committee should have a liaison on the Permanent Building Committee for this project. Kris will inquire about this tomorrow and get back to the Committee.

Some of the concerns include the division of community space precisely, the Council on Aging may feel they need the time more than the Recreation Department, but Recreation hosts all age groups. Just some things to consider. Also, it was brought up that while Recreation and Council on Aging are similar in some aspects, they are really quite different as with the Council on Aging as social workers are involved with Senior recreation activities in many cases.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Field Committee**

Pam Mustard spoke about the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) which currently has money available. She mentioned that whatever money is left from Clyde F. Brown Elementary school should be used to replace the fence at town park. CPC could enhance that amount.

Select Board Chair, Loring Barnes, is currently reaching out to groups to revisit the Field/Facilities improvements under a new Field Committee. Some of this discussion included prioritizing a master plan and the possibility of the Recreation Committee to take on scheduling utilizing a sub-committee.

**Summer Concerts**

Kris has reached out to the various groups that were scheduled for July for our Family Fun Series. Most can reschedule to the month of August, the schedule would be as follows:

August 5—Flying Dogs, Dogs, August 12—Miss Elaine, August 19—somewhat open but Kris spoke with her neighbor who is in a band, and August 26—Jumping Jelly Beans?

There was mention of something along the lines of a “pub crawl” or having an event (like the dog show) followed by a band.

**Inclusive Programs**

Kris proposed hosting a four-week program from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm, Monday through Thursday. There is the grant money available right now to purchase equipment for programs to include all participants. She is suggesting there be a maximum of 8 participants to 2 instructors. She would like to hold this outside, but in bad weather the would be available. This program would be an age range of Kindergarten – Fifth Grade, with a price of $60 per week. Any proceeds would go into the Recreation Revolving Fund.

**CONSENT ITEMS/OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Tim Davis made a motion, seconded by Mike Banks to approve the May 26, 2020 meeting minutes. There was discussion that the attendees were omitted to these minutes, so that will be fixed. The motion passed unanimously with that correction.**

**Erin LeBlanc made a motion, seconded by Tim Davis to approve the February 3, 2020 meeting minutes. The motion passed with one in abstaining.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Tim Davis made a motion, seconded by Sharon Locke to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

Susan K. Vara