Millis Recreation Committee

Via Zoom Meeting

Meeting Minutes

September 3, 2020 at 6:30 pm

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**PRESENT:**

Kris Fogarty, Sue Vara, Tim Davis, Sharon Locke, Mike Banks

Absent: Steve Cassidy, Erin LeBlanc , Pam Mustard

**CALL TO ORDER:**

At 6:34 pm, Chair Mike Banks called the meeting to order.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Reorganization of the Board**

Any vote this evening is contingent upon everyone getting sworn in at the Town Clerk’s office in person. Please schedule a time with the Town Clerk in order to fulfil this requirement.

Chair, Mike Banks spoke of relinquishing his role as Chairperson.

**Nomination by Sue Vara, seconded by Mike Banks for Tim Davis to become the new Chairperson for the Recreation Committee. Tim Davis accepts the position and the motion passed unanimously.**

**Nomination by Mike Banks, seconded by Sue Vara for Sharon Locke to become the new Vice-Chairperson for the Recreation Committee. Sharon accepts the nomination and the motion passed unanimously.**

The position of Clerk will be revisited at a future meeting.

**Soccer**

Recreation Director, Kris Fogarty spoke of the upcoming Fall programming of youth soccer and preschool soccer. At this time, she is not comfortable with running these programs due to Covid-19. She has spoken with Best Soccer, a vendor that has utilized in the past, to see if they would be willing to run clinics instead of the traditional soccer program. She is waiting to hear back from them. There are many families who have a $65 credit on their account, as the Spring soccer session had to be cancelled due to Covid-19. Her hope is that Best Soccer can come up with a program to utilize these credits so they can come off of the books.

**Brochure**

The brochure is out. It will be online only.

**Summer Camp**

There is still $4,000 from the grant money left for inclusive programming. Approximately $2,400 was made over this summer season on the camps. Hopefully, next year there will be a bigger profit.

**Fall Programs/Sports**

This brochure hasn’t included any programs utilizing the Veterans Memorial Building. As you may be aware, the gym floor is being replaced as it was damaged by water. That will not be available for use until at least January, 2021. Also, the Town Hall is still closed to the public, therefore, the use of the community rooms are not available.

Sixty percent of normal use for the fields from Flag Football went directly through the Board of Health—it did not run through the Recreation Department. It revolved around the safety concerns of Covid-19. There are waivers to utilize the field. If Flag Football is not in compliance, their permit will be revoked.

No refunds issued if weather etc. is a problem.

**Funding**

At the upcoming Fall Town Meeting, Kris would like the Committee to come up with a warrant article to prevent the elimination of the Department. For example, requesting $10,00 from taxation to get to level funding where it should be. A projection of numbers need to be compiled in able to be able to put a warrant article. Also, what services to the Town, cut hours, cut staff, no gym, no community rooms, and circumstances beyond the Recreation Director’s control are some of the concerns to be put into this article.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Mike Banks made a motion, seconded by Sharon Locke to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:23 pm.**

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

Chair, Tim Davis would like to meet at least once a month as the warrant closed on September 14th.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan K. Vara