

**Millis Recreation Committee
900 Main Street, Room 128
Millis, MA 02054
September 18, 2017, 6:30 pm
Meeting Minutes**

Present: Kris Fogarty, Deb Juhl, Sue Vara, Tim Davis, Mike Banks, Steve Cassidy, Pam Mustard

CALL TO ORDER: 6:35 PM:

Chair, Mike Banks called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

REORGANIZE THE BOARD:

After discussing the need for the Committee to be sure they have all been sworn in, members who weren't went to the Town Clerk's office to do that.

Once that was finished, the Committee made motions and voted for the following:

Motion by Sue Vara, seconded by Pam Mustard to nominate Mike Banks to be Chairperson for the Recreation Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Sue Vara, seconded by Steve Cassidy to nominate Tim Davis as Vice-Chairperson for the Recreation Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Pam Mustard, seconded by Deb Juhl to nominate Sue Vara as Clerk for the Recreation Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

SCHOLARSHIPS:

The Committee discussed how many people are asking for scholarships to participate in Recreation programs. At this time, there isn't an avenue for many to receive funds (in the past there was a fund called the "Angel Fund" that could be utilized). Kris tries to accommodate where she can with the soccer and basketball programs.

BALANCING YOUTH SPORTS TEAMS:

This discussion addressed the last year sports teams. There was an inquiry regarding player distribution and making teams fair. Chairman Banks assured this person he would bring it up at an upcoming Recreation Committee meeting.

All possible avenues are pursued to create equal teams are in place already. At the draft, typically, the coaches and coordinators try to create equal teams, but there are definitely times where a player surprises us. Everyone on the Committee wants an equal opportunity for all of the players.

APPROPRIATION OF FULL-TIME SALARY:

On Wednesday, September 13, 2017, Chairman Mike Banks sent another email (see attached) addressed to both the Town Administrator, Mike Guzinski and the Finance Director, Kathy LaPlant. As of this evening, there has not been a response to this email from either party.

The Committee discussed the options available at this time to get this revolving fund issue settled. This was originally brought to the attention of the Town Administrator and Finance Director in November of 2016. The Committee feels there has been ample time to address this issue. Town Council has already determined that the funding isn't being used properly according to Massachusetts General Law. Full-time salaries cannot be accommodated with this type of account, a 53D Revolving Fund. There was discussion to contact the State regarding moving forward to correct the funding. Also discussed was sending one more email which would include the Town Administrator, the Finance Director, members of the Board of Selectmen, and the Finance Committee chairperson regarding this issue.

OLD BUSINESS:

Recreation Director, Kris Fogarty, updated the Committee that she has sent a letter to the Superintendent and the School Committee to request a waiver of the fee for gym usage for her upcoming basketball program. She expects to pay the custodial fees as she has in the past.

Also, she brought to the Committee's attention that she ended this fiscal year with a balance of \$47,309.56 in the Recreation Department's account. Considerably better than last year.

Kris will be attending a conference in New Orleans, LA beginning on Monday, September 25th through September 29th.

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:

Motion by Deb Juhl, seconded by Sue Vara to approve the meeting minutes of June 12, 2017 as written. The motion carried 4 in favor and 2 abstained.

ADJOURNMENT 7:09 PM:

Motion by Mike Banks, seconded by Deb Juhl to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

The next few meetings were set as follows: October 16, 2017, November 13, 2017 and December 11th, 2017 at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Susan K. Vara