

**Town of Sunapee: Recreation Committee
Meeting Minutes for June 14, 2022**

- **In Attendance:** Steve Bourque, Charleen Osborne, Jesse Socci, Samantha Heino, Tim Berube
 - **Guests:** None
- **Meeting called to order by Charleen at 5:35PM**
- **Meeting Ended: 6:14PM Motion made by Samantha, Seconded by Jesse**
- **No votes or policy updates took place during this meeting**

Topic 1: Possible Dewy Field Renovation Donation

- It was brought to the attention of the Recreation Committee by Steve that he has been approached by a contractor to fill in Dewy Field with grass to make a more traditional baseball diamond rather than an all dirt infield. All materials and labor would be 100% donated. The contractor would like an advertising sign in the outfield.
- The committee had a discussion about advertising. It was brought up to ask the contractor if a) they would like to be an exclusive advertiser and b) if they would be paying for the banner or if we would take on that cost. It was also discussed as to if the committee is okay with having advertising at our facilities, and that is something that has not been received well by former committees, however this current committee is fully on board and okay with advertising at our facilities, especially if it means donations such as the one in question, and extra funds for our programs.
- A question was raised to make sure that there is nothing outlined in the language of the Dewy Deed that we can / cannot have advertising. Charleen pointed out that there is nothing to her knowledge in the deed that outlines that we cannot do that.
- A question was raised as to how doing this would be wonderful, but, we would be losing a softball field by doing so and now limiting all the towns softball teams to the high school field.
- The committee believes that for a small cost we can purchase a “conversion kit” to be able to also have softball at Veterans Field. This would consist of purchasing a new set of drop in bases as well as a portable pitching mound. Jesse is going to do a little bit of research to see approximately what that cost would be.
- Steve said that he told the contractor that he wouldn’t be able to do anything at Veterans Field because the committee is unsure if the town will accept the vote for the Veterans Field Renovations on the next ballot.
- The committee is very thankful for this generous offer, however we feel that we cannot make a recommendation until we are positive that we won’t lose a softball field in the process, and essentially if we can be sure that we can secure the products needed to make Veterans a dual baseball / softball field, then we can have further

discussion about accepting this offer. We do not want to hurt our softball teams by making a rushed choice. Due to this, the committee has tabled this discussion until next meeting.

- **Topic 2: Administrative Updates / Other**

- Steve brought to the attention to the committee that he is currently looking into a new advertising format for our uniforms that would essentially provide a rotating uniform schedule, cut costs, eliminate many of our storage needs and provide shirts for almost if not all of our events. More details to follow.
- A question was raised as to if wood chips would be delivered and spread at the newly donated fitness trail soon. Steve said that is in the works.
- A question was raised about budgeting, and where we stand as a department, so that we can make more informed choices as a committee. Steve said that they are still working through much of that information with the new budget and hopes to have more soon.

*The meeting was shorter tonight due to the High School Athletic Awards Ceremony.