

**Town of Sunapee: Recreation Committee
Meeting Minutes for April 11, 2023**

- **In Attendance: Steve Bourque, Charleen Osborne, Jesse Socci, Nick Grant, Tim Berube.**
- **Meeting called to order by Charleen at 7:02PM.**
- **2 votes took place during this meeting, both are highlighted below**
- **Meeting Minutes for January are approved. Minutes for March are tabled until next meeting.**
- **Attached File(s): None**

Topic 1: Spring Sports

- Uniforms and most equipment has been ordered.
- Mount Royal has agreed to make a donation and pay for a new batting cage net. They will be permitted to use it periodically. Steve is working with them on a schedule.
- Tim mentioned about getting slabs for the batting cage so that both pitchers and hitters have a solid, non-muddy surface to work on, this is in the works.
- Charleen asked if we could get the batting cage schedule onto the master recreation calendar, that way folks can utilize it when it is not busy.
- There was brief discussion about the calendar, Steve mentioned that they are transitioning systems and that once the transition occurs, it may be easier to merge calendars.
- Clean Scape Landscaping is going to be working on the field right after the season has concluded (Dewy).
- Steve mentioned that we still need to get an in writing quote from Andover Fence. He asked how we would like to proceed if he cannot get that on time. Jesse offered to table that discussion until next month, and if we still do not have an in writing quote from them then we can discuss how to proceed. Everyone agreed as this should be a fairly simple item to obtain. As a municipality, we cannot move forward with the project without an in writing quote.
- PJ Lovely of Newport has agreed to let us merge our track and field program with Newport's. More details to come.
- Steve has located some lightweight movable mounds that we all seem to believe will work really well, and they are at a great price point. We are going to get one for both Dewy field and for Veterans field, that way it will add to our flexibility with field space.
- **Tim made a motion to approve the expenditure of \$\$\$ for the movable mounds. Charleen seconded the motion, everyone was in favor of this motion.**

Topic 2: Easter Egg Hunt

- Just under 1300 eggs were scattered and found.

- Everything went well, many looking forward to next year.

Topic 3: Recreational Assessment and Strategic Design

- Steve stated that he still needs to get back and connect with Matt Frye.
- Steve asked if a 10 year plan made sense. Jesse mentioned that this would be perfect since it fits the same timeline of the towns master plan.
- Charleen mentioned that she would like to definitely see all three phases of Veterans Field totally done in the next 10 years.
- Everyone on the committee that was present at the meeting was in agreement that this was certainly a priority, and this also means adding a full time director with an assistant.
- There was brief discussion about pickleball, skating park, veterans field, and additional spaces / tennis courts and how it all fits into a master plan. These are all items that can be looked into deeper once we cross that bridge.
- We all agree that the survey from Matt Frye was a little too long. Steve was going to go back through and take out any questions that were repeated from the towns master plan survey.
- Charleen discussed cuts again to different programs since we really don't have that many hours to work with (Town vote failed for a full time director). Adult programs were discussed.
- Steve stated that the drop in volleyball has been cut due to lack of hours and some disregard to the rules / how we want the drop in programs to be run.
- Steve also mentioned that the talks / plans for a dog park in town have also been tabled because we do not have enough hours to work with.
- There is a workshop with the Planning Board next Thursday the 19th at 7PM. Recreation is second on their agenda.

Topic 4: Summer Camp

- Registration numbers have not been moving much, however, Steve stated that he is not worried about it because there is still time, and we can still make out well financially even with slightly smaller numbers by adjusting staffing.
- We are doing okay with staff for summer so far.
- Charleen mentioned that Newport has new educational classes, and that being a camp counselor would be perfect for students to do as a summer job in between Educational 1 and 2, it is a Educational / Behavioral Science Course.

Topic 5: LWCF Grant

- Need to file an intent to apply no later than June 2 of this year. It is a simple, 2 page packet.
- At some point before or during fall, they will request to come out and view the facility.
- Charleen is working on a list of items that we will need to accomplish. This includes a sub division of the Safety Services lot so that Veterans Field is totally on its own parcel of land (tax map). Steve mentioned that the same may have to be done with the state as well as Bar Harbor Bank.
- If approved, we will have 3 years to complete the project from Oct 1, 2024.

- Charleen asked if we could get onto the Board of Selectmen agenda to present the grant information as they will need to sign off on the intent to apply application. Steve said that he would check if the agenda for Monday's meeting was still open.

Topic 6: Other

- Charleen stated that we need to wait to discuss the skills clinic that is going to be run by our Student Representatives since they are not present tonight.
- Jesse mentioned that we never formally voted on accepting them onto the board as non-voting members.
- Charleen made a motion to accept Sophie and Izzie onto the board as Student Representatives to the Recreation Committee, to have a seat at the table and discuss / provide input, however they will be non-voting members. Tim seconded. Everyone was in favor.

Adjournment 8:23PM

Upcoming:

- Board of Selectmen: Monday the 17th at 6:30 PM (Possible approval for grant intent form)
- Planning Board: Thursday the 20th at 7PM (Recreation is 2nd on the agenda)
- Recreation: May 9th at 7PM