

**Town of Sunapee: Recreation Committee
Meeting Minutes for August 08, 2023**

- **In Attendance:** Steve Bourque, Charleen Osborne, Sophie Bourque (Student Representative) and Isabelle Correa (Student Representative).

This meeting is considered unofficial as the committee did not have enough voting members present.

Topic 1: Update from Steve

- There was some discussion and questions in town about the recent drowning and if it took place in town. Steve clarified that happened in Newbury. He re-iterated that we were doing trainings each week with our lifeguards / fire department.
- Camp has been winding down but so far we have seen a successful summer. Steve reported that there have been far less issues reported this season. He attributed part of this to getting the themes out sooner before camp started.
- Soccer registration has been extended. 3 / 4 girls currently do not have great numbers. Boys numbers are great and there is some talk about moving some kids up to even out numbers. Charleen expressed that she thinks this is a good idea as this would make the skill level more even as well.
- Dewy Field Update: Conservation Commission reached out and said that improvements can begin, and they have begun. Great progress is being made so far.
- Fence company has received their deposit so that work can begin on Dewy once ready.
- Matt Frye Survey Update: Steve stated that he has almost the final draft. He would like to review it with Shannon prior to sending it out to the committee for final review. Should be out soon
- Nick Grant is going to represent the Recreation Committee for the Rock Bass Awards as Steve is going to be on the Recreation NYC trip.
- There are currently 4 spots left on the NYC trip for anyone interested.
- The beach will be getting cameras installed on August 16th. This is due to more activity such as empty alcohol bottles, empty pizza boxes, flipped-over picnic tables, and more. There was also trash from fireworks that folks did not clean up.
- Steve mentioned that the Turkey Trot planning/donations / volunteers were starting to get underway.
- Steve mentioned the leagues (various spots, but mainly soccer) with Grantham, Newport, Unity, and Mount Royal to the committee again. There was some more discussion about it tonight carrying over from the last meeting, but the consensus is to still not join for various reasons. Steve is still looking into various leagues.

Topic 2: Soccer Clinic

- Isabelle stated that she does want to continue to put on a soccer clinic for grades 3-6 girls and boys the night of the 19th, back-to-back for about an hour to an hour and ½ each session.

- There may have to be some that miss due to their own practices beginning.
- Times of practices for soccer were discussed briefly.

Topic 3: Veterans Field Grant Update

- Charleen asked Steve to keep her posted if we hear from the Land Water Conservation Fund.
- She stated that they should be reaching out in August
- They should be able to tell us exactly what we need to work on for the grant once they come out to take a look. We already know some of it, however, they should be able to provide more details.
- Steve mentioned that we just need to make sure that we are involving Shannon in the process of working on items for the grant to make sure it goes through the proper channels.
- Charleen briefly spoke about the subdivisions and stated that she believes that we do not even need to get those done prior to the project/grant getting approved and that we would be able to do those after the fact.
- Steve stated that he believes she is correct on all of the above, and that even if we do not get it accomplished that there is no penalty, but we still need to make sure it goes through the proper channels.
- There was a brief discussion about whether there is any interest in anyone joining the Recreation Committee. The Student Representatives expressed interest once they are eligible. Steve stated that they should also probably recruit someone from the junior class.