

Recreation Commission Meeting June 5th

Jen Hollis, George Levesque, Jeff Treiber, Erik Lambton (Alternate), Victoria Martin (Alternate), Brian McManus, Henry Bowen
Selectmen John Terrio, Sheryl McMahon, Bob Mezzrahdi
Dustin Pineau- Director of Recreation
Gerrit Murphy- Assistant Director of Recreation
3 Members from the public in attendance

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Chair calls meeting to order at 5:04

Committee Concerns: No concerns mentioned by committee

Chairman welcomes selectman

Chair introduces solid waste recycling committee.

Julia Johnson, member of subcommittee working on proposed plastic bottle ban. Intent as committee is to have by law wrapped up by August 1st. Their intention is to meet with as many committees to gather thoughts on single use plastic bottle ban. Julia defers to Allyson Schmidt

Allyson Schmidt would like to know about our events and what will be impacted.

Jeff Treiber mentions road race, pickle ball and other activities that we encounter where water is needed.

Brian mentions recreation youth program. Dustin mentions they've transitioned to big office style bottles of water.

Dustin mentions road race being biggest issue. Gerrit mentions that outside of our road race there are other races that use them.

Hank states that we use 1,800 bottles during our road race.

Allyson asks how long people are using the bottles for. She'd like to know if its a one time open and done.

Dustin asks if law can be amenable for special events.

Allyson states Coca Cola is willing to switch to cans instead of bottles for our town.

Jeff asks what other races do?

Allyson states London uses water pods that you eat.

Allyson requests the names and numbers of who runs the road races in town. Dustin says he can gather that information.

Dustin mentions that his beach concessions contracts begin this fall. This type of information should be clear when they are bidding on these new contracts.

Chair requests we direct our focus to just recreation and not beach.

Allyson clarifies the town can not handout in anyway plastic bottles

Victoria asks if a water cart would be something we should be considering.

Allyson asks about youth baseball and where they obtain their water. Dustin states from Concession stand which is a huge fund raiser for the league.

Dustin states that we have put in for a grant for a water bottle filling station. Mayflower and West Dennis beach have the test systems kicking off this summer. Allyson requests cost. Dustin states unrefrigerated unit is roughly \$1,500 -\$2k.

Julia asks where they are located at the beaches. Dustin informs everyone of their locations.

Hank asks about day camp. Gerrit says we get the large poland spring bottles and provide dixie cups. We go thru roughly 10 bottles a week.

Hank asks the deadline for fall warrant. Sheryl estimates sometime mid September.

Bob asks question about working with coca cola. Would like to know the difference between price of canned water and bottled water. Allyson says its still early and doesn't have pricing.

Hank asks how the non profits are treated. If they're operating on town property then they must abide

Julia Johnson states the same as above

Sheryl asks if a non profit brings the water to the event to distribute just to hand out. Are they to be held accountable. What do we do about non profits?

Chair gathers meeting after side discussions begin. Gets back to order.

Julia brings up ice cream trucks.

Allyson requests who our vendors are so she can contact them to figure out pricing and usage.

Johnson asks if there are any other trucks in town that come onto town property? Dustin replies that there are none that are impacting recreation.

Dustin asks about existing inventory and how will that be impacted. Allyson states that they will be able to exhaust their current inventory.

Hank requests liaison report.

Dustin passes around the new booklet for our summer recreation programs.

Jeff asks if we've ever wondered about outsourcing our booklet?

Dustin says the outsourced booklets are heavy with merchants which he'd prefer them not being involved.

Sheryl asks about a private company listed in current booklet. They are affiliated with our recreation program. Sheryl asks if we solicit for other business to join our booklet.

Brian asks about outsourcing the booklet to Jeff.

Jeff was wondering if someone else could create the booklet quicker and cheaper.

Gerrit is finding the trend is communication thru email. More and more people are receiving the booklet digital.

Hank asks Jenn if there has been any luck recruiting a new student member at school. Jenn states they're working on it.

Bob asks question to Dustin. He gets the horses where we're advertising their lessons. Bob is wondering about the other vendors in the booklet and if we're getting funds from them. Dustin responds yes. The only way they can operate on town property is if they partner with one of our programs. The vendors in the booklets have partnered with our recreation program.

Bob asks how do we reach these vendors? Dustin says they reach out to us mostly. We're always looking to have as many recreation varieties as we can.

Bob asks is there is a form or specific percentage they need to pay. Dustin states 20%. The rest of the towns follow this guideline too. They discuss, what are we charging, what are we offering, what are paying.

Victoria left meeting at 5:36

Seasonal Program report

Gerrit states youth programs start June 24th. Staff orientation on June 20th. We have a woman coming in to help with disabilities and how to accommodate them. She'll teach them how to approach certain situations. Hank asks if the kids with disabilities are with the group or separate. Gerrit responds that they are with the group as a whole. The goal is to be best prepared for any situation. Fun, safe environment.

Jeff asks about first aid training, cpr. If we require. Gerrit says we do.

Gerrit states staff is totally in place at this point.

Gerrit mentions Ezra Baker runs a day care program in the summer. Would like to figure out how to integrate tennis and pickle ball into the summer program.

Gerrit says you can't use the name camp with out being certified by the board of health. Dustin says all the sports camps have changed their schedules so they won't be called camp and under the board of health.

Gerrit sees the benefit to us for being able to be under the board health and to be able to promote that.

Hank asks how the shape of our sail boats are. Gerrit responds sea worthy. New sails last year.

Jeff asks if our sailing costs are fair and covering costs. It's really not about a profit gerrit says. It's about providing an affordable program. By doing this we experience repeat attendees that carry on from families for many years. We adjust prices every year to cover our expenses, yet keep it affordable. We use Sunfish boats.

Not sure the last time we obtained a boat. They typically were obtained by donations from families that no longer used.

Gerrit mentions that pickleball has been capped. 148 non resident.

Brian asks about youth involvement. Gerrit says that it needs to be introduced.

Basketball Tourney

Rainout needs to be planned.

Will we be handing out trophies Hank asks. More geared towards a cup to display Brian responds.

Basketball Court Update

Dustin says we're waiting on pickle ball courts completion. Basketball we're just waiting. It's ready for sealer and paint. Nothing can affect the surface right now. The rain has delayed everything. Courts will be green. Key will be orangish red. Surface should last 8-10 years.

John Terrio asks, with the lights, could they paint at night. Dustin says that is an option.

Pickleball update

Dustin says shed has been delivered. Not in its final position. Potentially could be playing by the middle of next week as long as weather is accommodating. Parking area has been painted.

Chair asks about the potential a tournament

Jeff says they'd like to work thru kinks before tournament is planned. Get thru summer and then plan for next year. Right now 37% of signups are showing up daily. Jeff asks if there is anything in the budget for benches, bike stands. Dustin has been gathering pricing on benches. Jeff agrees with Hank that once flow is established we can plan benching and seating. Potential to drive tourism with a well planned pickle ball tournament.

Bob left at 6:15

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Dustin has put in request with town. Dustin is confident that they'll do it.

Revenue Request information

Dustin passes out the information on revenue for the last 2 fiscal years. Field fees is when a group rents our fields. We make more money in the summer to supplement the rest of the year. All of our revenues support our entire recreation programs and department.

Sheryl left at 6:42

John Terrio asks if all of our lighting is still under warranty. Dustin says we are and they're outstanding in terms of maintenance. Warranty is 10 years, part. service and labor.

Youth Lacrosse Program

Dustin says new coach at the high school and he'd like to speak with them in terms of a feeder program. Would love to have clinics. Ultimately would make the progression of lacrosse better.

Hank asks what about the possibility of working with Yarmouth. Dustin replies without a question.

Cornhole tournament

Gerrit says we have boards ready. Just need a vinyl cover to finish board.

Mike Cummings has agreed to work with us at golf course. It'd be at 5pm to avoid golf traffic.

Brian asks about player pool. Gerrit says 20-30 players. Double elimination tournament.

Shooting to host the event in August.

Terrio says national night out is August 6th. Can promote that night.

Bench requests

Dustin needs an independent vendor who can install these benches. People are willing to pay the premium. Dustin would like a packet that would explain the donation process. Jeff asks what the requirements are to install benches. Needs to put out an RFP so Dustin isn't accused of favoritism.

Terrio says that if the demand is that high we need to get the RFP out there right now. Put them on a year contract. Lets get an RFP out now.

John Terrio leaves meeting at 6:53

Jeff motions to approve minutes. George second. Unanimous.

Next meeting planned for July 10th.

Meeting adjourned at 6:57