

Recreation and Parks Committee Minutes Thursday, November 14, 2024

In-person: Tim Armstrong, Carolyn
Zoom: Bob, Danielle, Tim Allard
Absent: Cindy
Also Present: Todd Goodwin, Director

1. Call Meeting to Order: 7:04 am
2. Comments: Public Comments not related to agenda items: n/a
3. Agenda: Changes or Additions to the Agenda: n/a
4. Minutes: Accept & Approve Minutes from- September 2024
 - Change to minutes- add that an electric mower would decrease maintenance and fuel costs.
 - Motion to approve minutes: Danielle (1st), Carolyn (2nd), motion approved
5. Committee Agenda Items:
 - Updates
 - Allen Brook Community Park
 - The Town Mgr. is still working with town lawyers to find out what can happen on the land across the street from the fire station and hopes to have something by early December. Information and final analysis will be presented to the selectboard.
 - Recreation & Parks Master Plan
 - Only received 1 bid–Town Mgr. put 30k in capital budget plus rec impact fees, Todd questioned why it's in the capital budget and if he can pull \$ from rec impact fees instead and could reach out to 2 local companies for bids
 - Picnic Pavilion at Village Community Park
 - Selectboard hasn't allocated ARPA money yet, so this is delayed
 - Rotary Club Donation
 - 20K to donate, Todd gave them project suggestions, but they wanted something more cohesive/naming rights
 - Todd suggested 2 new ideas: create a traffic garden next to the skate park and kids learn bike safety/ride and play on it (add a sign acknowledging Rotary support) or add a kitchenette at the Rec Zone (add Rotary plaque/banner) – Rotary club expressed interest, so Todd is getting pricing together. If they go with the traffic garden, the Club could also participate in the painting of the "streets". Rotary could perhaps fund both projects.
 - Operating Budget for FY26

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- Day camp salaries/expenses, contracted programs/camps, rec zone, field use, conference, equipment, technology, athletic field maintenance, rec zone (increase)
- Advertising, office supplies, park equipment (same)
- Contracted programs, postage, contacted program expenses, park maintenance (decreased)
- July 4th budget – No income for this event plus there are more Town Depts involved other than just Recreation. Trying to get the line item moved out of the Rec budget. The event needs a community committee of citizens and businesses, which can find sponsors to support the event Fuel (new)
- Parks budget tab combined with main Rec budget
- Todd created a budget worksheet – All of the Recreation Budget line items, other than Admin Salaries and Benefits are offset by program revenue.
- Reports
 - Catamount Community Forest Update: The Committee is still figuring out its role as well as its budget – still looking for a new committee member
- Other: n/a

6. Director's Report: see attached

7. Next Meeting: Scheduled for December 12, 2024, at 7:00 a.m.

8. Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn: Bob (1st), Tim Armstrong (2nd), motion approved