

Wallingford Recreation Minutes

August 21, 2018

Meeting called to order at 7:35pm

In Attendance: Bastian Auer, Carolyn Behrendt, Michelle Kenny, Anthony Cirelli

Public Present: None

Agenda Additions/Deletions

Approval of July 17, 2018 Minutes – Motion Made to approve by Bastian and seconded by Anthony, motion carried.

Motion to recommend that the Selectboard appoint Carolyn Behrendt as a full member of the Recreation Committee, changing her from an alternate to a full member. Motion made by Bastian, seconded by Michelle, motion carried 4-0.

Motion to recommend that the Selectboard accept the resignation of Susan Taggart as a recreation committee member, with many thanks to her for her years and time of service to the Town of Wallingford. Motion made by Michelle, seconded by Carolyn, motion carried 4-0.

Motion to recommend that the Selectboard accept the resignation of Trish Nash as a recreation committee member and chair, with many thanks to her for her years and time of service to the Town of Wallingford. Motion made by Michelle, seconded by Carolyn, motion carried 4-0.

Summer Camp: Summer camp has ended for the summer. Request that Sandi invite Lisa and Robert to our next meeting to meet and discuss.

Playground: Thanks to True Temper who donated mulch. Mulch has been added to the lake and the committee would like Sandi to request that more is donated to address the need for additional mulch at the playground.

Basketball Court: We received a bid for \$18,000 from Springfield Paving to repair the basketball court, exclusive of the top coat. The committee would like Sandi to obtain bids for the top coat to clarify the total cost of the proposed project. The committee commented that the tennis courts are being used regularly as is the basketball court, and it would be great for the town if the court is repaired soon.

Dugouts: The girl scouts will be painting the dugouts this Saturday, August 25th. The plan for painting last weekend was interrupted by rain.

Ball Fields/Flag Football: Football league has begun. They are going to be mapping out 2 fields, and intend on games running Monday nights, with the concession building open and operational. They are looking to purchase a clock/scoreboard and the baseball program may also contribute to that purchase. There are 2 groups that have formed, one K-2nd Grade (currently 6 players) and the other 3rd-6th Grade (currently 36 players). All surrounding communities have been invited to participate. All proceeds from the concession will be reinvested in the football program.

Bylaws: Ask Sandi to provide the committee members each with all rules/regulations that currently exist for the recreation committee to enable us to begin work on bylaws.

Recreation Director: The committee has been researching job descriptions for a recreation director. We believe strongly that a full-time recreation director would be an incredible asset to the Town of Wallingford, and would address specifically the desire and needs of the Town as set forth in the recent Wallingford Action Plan as well as the revised Town Plan. We reviewed sample job descriptions, discussed essential elements and will finalize the proposed job description for consideration by the Selectboard at a special meeting set for August 28, 2018 at 6pm at Town Hall.

It is the Committees' great hope that the Selectboard will adopt a budget for the full-time position for the next fiscal year. In our assessment, a full time salary of \$50,000 (\$35,000 base salary and \$15,000 in approximate benefits) would equal approximately a \$30.00 annual increase in taxes for taxpayers per \$100,000.00 assessed value. We strongly recommend that this be included as an essential element of increasing the desirability of our town, moving our community forward and attracting new families to our area, which will bring new taxpayers, and increase the economic impact of Wallingford. We envision the Recreation Director would work out of the building at Elfin Lake during the summer, and Town Hall during all other months.

A special meeting to finalize the proposed job description for a Recreation Director: August 28, 2018 at 6pm, Town Hall.

Next Regularly scheduled meeting: September 18, 2018 at 6:30pm, Town Hall.

Adjourned at 8:50 pm

Approved 11/12/18