

Wallingford Recreation Committee

Minutes

December 13, 2022

Committee members present: Sumio Seo, Brian Ferguson & Shannon Pytlik

Public present: Mike Robilotto , Rutland County Little League (RCLL)

Meeting called to order at 5:30

- 1) 5:30pm Call to order
- 2) Approve the Minutes 12/6/22 & 11/15/22
 - Motion by Brian seconded by Sumio to approve the minutes of 12/6/22 & 11/15/22. Motion unanimously carried.
- 3) Baseball – Rutland County Little League
 - Wallingford 43 players 6 in E Wall
 - Teams included one of each: Tball, coach pitch, minors, majors – combined with other surrounding towns
 - These teams used the Wallingford Rec fields for practice and home games
 - They are growing and fields are becoming an issue with space they need more space they have about 500 kids total in the program now
 - Cost to play was \$50 last year, raised rates for this year
 - Rates went up \$65 Tball/\$85 coach pitch & Minors /\$100 Majors.
 - RCLL will not turn anyone away for not being able to pay
 - Reason for increase – insurance, background check, equipment cost have gone up, indoor facility batting cages, turf, indoor fielding, coach training, referees, etc
 - Less sponsorship due to struggling businesses
 - They rent space in Rutland at Giorgetti
 - Offer kids the best equipment possible
 - Financial Aid – sponsored thru t-mobile. T mobile will provide scholarships for those in need. Parents fill out a form and T mobile send a check to RCLL.
 - Wallingford field maintenance under RCLL:
 - Long Trail has paid for maintenance the last few years, one payment directly to the contractor and last year they have the remainder of the LT funds to the town to pay for the clay and hauling.
 - Volunteers – past few years have been maintaining the fields
 - RCLL is willing to do the Spring field cleanup and maintain the fields.

- RCLL is willing to pay the town to do some mid-season clean up but we don't know if there is anyone the town could find to do the work.
 - One idea was for RCLL to hire the person that mows the fields to do a mid-season clean up of the fields. If we can find someone to do this work they are willing to pay for the work.
 - How do other towns maintain their fields:
 - RCLL maintains the following fields: Clarendon, Mendon & Castleton.
 - Rutland 4-5 fields Rutland maintains them
 - MSJ – maintains their own fields
 - Equipment Donation
 - There is a lot of old equipment in the shed down at the field. There is a place we can mail it to for free that will make use of it. The equipment is outdated and not safe to use anymore.
 - Discussed the potential of pooling recreation resources in the region to offer more recreation programs for all communities.
- 4) Elfin Lake Concession Stand Planning
- Nothing new to report.
 - The Rec Comm will go out in the Spring and look at the building and grounds some more and come up with a more detailed list of needs.
 - Shannon contacted the Dock Dr's about kids getting cut on the corners of the raft. She will take a few pictures of the sharp edges and send them to Dock Dr's to review.
- 5) Basketball Hoops @ Meadow Street
- Sumio will look into this. He plans to discuss the potential order with the donor and make sure they are ok with what we plan to order.
- 6) Recreation Survey
- Shannon distributed the revised survey. Others will review and provide feedback before next meeting.
- 7) X country Track
- We will find a time to discuss this with the Conservation Commission and then the Selectboard.
- 8) Public Comment
- None
- 9) Next meeting – Brian is available the 2nd & 4th Thursday of the month. Thursdays seem to be a good day for others. The next meeting will be January 12th
- 10) Adjourn @ 7:30