

Wallingford Recreation Committee

Minutes

January 12, 2023

Committee members present: David Cornwell, Brian Ferguson & Shannon Pytlik

Members Missing: Sumio Seo

Public present: Raven Crispino

Meeting called to order at 5:30

- 1) 5:30pm Call to order
- 2) Approve the Minutes 12/13/22 – Tabled
- 3) Add Baseball to agenda given email from RCLL about \$10 discount thru 2/8/23 for registration
 - Ask Sandy to send out notice about the \$10 discount before 2/8, the T mobile incentive and the town can provide additional financial assistance for those in need – Brian to draft this for Sandy. We will ask that this go on FPF, Facebook and in February newsletter to get the word out.
 - Families needing additional financial assistance should contact either Julie or Sandy – whoever does it for the camp scholarships. The financial assistance will come out of the youth sports line item in budget.
 - We should nail down a field cleanup date for Spring and include this in the announcement
- 4) Public Comment – Raven introduced herself and expressed interest in the committee. She is also on the RC Chamber board of directors. Raven mentioned wanting to start a women's basketball group. We discussed how this would work well with an online sign up of the court so it could be reserved for specific group use.
- 5) Review concession stand job descriptions/duties & Lifeguard job description/duties
 - Recommendation for concession stand edits:
 - Cel phone policy
 - Backup items of things to do when slow – deep cleaning
 - Weekly projects like painting if slow
 - Sign off sheet when people do things – and someone checks to make sure
 - The committee would ask that the concession staff go back to collecting data on number of people coming to beach every day – even pass holders. This is the way it used to be and would be helpful information to have for future budgeting.
 - David did not receive the lifeguard job description.
- 6) Examination of past/future expenses around "ad hoc" bathroom facilities at the play ground and for Wallingford Day
 - The portable restroom costs \$1,380/year + \$300 for Wallingford Day
 - Over ten years it would be \$13,800 + \$3k = \$16,800 and this number will likely increase
 - We would like to look into how much a bathroom would be compared to the increasing cost. There may be grants available to cover the cost of building a bathroom.
- 7) Elfin Lake Concession Stand Maintenance – Planning

- We had a conversation about the need to have a contractor look at the facility and tell us what needs to be completed, since we are not building experts. We can see some obvious deferred maintenance but need a professional to help us identify needs and prioritize work.
- The Selectboard turned down our proposed maintenance budget of 5k to work on the building and field items (bleachers, etc) but said we would have access to the building reserve fund once we received quotes for items that need work.
- For now, we will work with the obvious maintenance issues and get bids from local contractors for (see pics at end of doc):
 - sealing block wall – It is rotting and if we seal it, we may be able to prevent future damage
 - fixing garage door – Shannon will look into what has been done. The wood frame the track is attached to is separating in the cement block and is moving when the door is opened.
 - repair windows – They are boarded up and broken
 - Follow up with selectboard once we have estimates
- Float – Shannon updated group about the float corners and the decking separating. We were generally not pleased with the way Dock Doc’s responded to the issue with their product. Sandy is checking with the road crew who put the float together. The bungies may have broken and need replacing. We can order corner guards to block the sharp edges. Like this:
- <https://www.taylormadeproducts.com/products/dock-products-and-lighting/corner-guards/>
- Charlie from the road crew is going to look at it and see if he can do anything about the sharp edges and deck separation.
- We will have to figure this out before the beach opens.

8) Basketball Hoops @ Meadow Street

- The donation for the new hoops was 4k
- We received the three following estimates for the backboards and hoops:
 - SELECTED QUOTE- American Super Sports \$2751.60 including free shipping for
 - FT220H 60 Inch Acrylic Backboard \$1986 for 2
 - FT187D Super Duty Double Rim \$765.60 for 2
 - Sports Unlimited \$2,869.45
 - FT220H 60" Acrylic Basketball Backboard \$1,867.80 for 2
 - FT187D Super-Duty Double Rim Flex Rim - \$765.60 for 2
 - Shipping \$236
 - First Team Inc (www.firstteaminc.com)
 - FT220H = \$933.90
 - FT187D = \$382.80

- Do not sell direct. To place an order, please contact any authorized First Team dealer – see above.
 - a. The American Sports said the backboard will work with some adaptations like drilling new holes into the hoop mounting plate. We will need to use some of the remaining donated funds to install the backboards.
 - b. We would also like to purchase padding for the polls. We need to find an option that is not easily stolen or vandalized. Brian suggested looking into the pads they use around snow maker polls at ski resorts.
 - c. Motion by David, seconded by Brian to recommend to the Selectboard that we order the backboard and rim from American Sports for \$2751.60 including shipping. Motion carried unanimously.
- 9) Recreation Survey
- The survey has been revised based on Selectboard and Recreation Committee feedback.
 - Ask Sandy to get on the SB agenda for the revised survey, basketball hoop and rim purchase and the proposed cross country track.
- 10) X country Track – Sumio is coordinating with the CC to discuss this track on SM property. We should mention this to SB when we meet with them about other items, so they are aware. The school will provide liability insurance proof for events.
- 11) New Business:
- Raven – W agreed by consensus to forward Raven Crispino’s name to Selectboard for inclusion on the Recreation Committee.
 - Ideas for upcoming recreation programs - Tabled
- 12) Adjourn at 7:10

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Pictures of Garage door wood frame separation from cement block:



Pictures of deck separation on float:



Pictures of the sharp corners on the float:



Pictures of North and South wall block erosion:



