

Wallingford Recreation Committee

Minutes

February 9, 2023

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

Members Missing: none – Raven was not appointed because she had not returned the signed charge.

Public present: Brian Elliott, Mill River track coach via phone

Meeting called to order at 5:30

- 1) 5:30pm Call to order
- 2) Approval of minutes:
 - Motion by Brian, seconded by Sumio to approve minutes from 12/13/23. Motion carried unanimously; Brian abstained.
 - Motion by David, seconded by Brian to approve minutes from 1/12/23. Motion carried unanimously; Sumio abstained.
- 3) Public Comment – None
- 4) Elfin Lake Concession Stand Maintenance – Planning & Update
 - Tom Jones, a local mason, looked at the beach building stone work. He said there is some light patch work needed as maintenance. The paint on the block tends to hold in moisture which causes spalling, or crumbling of the masonry. The blocks are in need of patching and then need to be repainted every 2 years to maintain the seal so the concrete does not further deteriorate. We asked Tom to get us a quote for the patch work. We can likely do the painting, or have volunteers do it, but would like a recommendation from Tom of what type of paint to use so we do it right.
 - Garage Door – Ben Morgan from Ski Door Co, who lives in town, will look at garage door once he can drive into the lake this Spring. He does work for the town already.
 - Raft float – Charlie from the road crew looked at the raft. He will go in Spring and file down sharp corners and fix decking if we want. We are concerned the spaces in the decking will cause a pinch on someone. We would like it fixed. Thank you, Charlie!!
 - Windows -We will try to get someone down there to look at the windows. Ideally, they would be able to be opened for airflow and be a second egress.
- 5) Basketball Hoops @ Meadow Street
 - Sumio will work with town to get ordered.
 - Plan to use old backboard / hoops for the beach and have another one at the park for smaller kids on the pavement area. The one at the park will also be regulation height. We will have to find a post and figure out a spot to cement it into the ground or get a base. We will look into this in the Spring.
- 6) Recreation Survey – The Selectboard approved of doing the survey as is. There was concern about the online reservation system which resulted in a very productive conversation about options to communicate with the community when the facilities need to be used for recurring activities. There is interest in having scheduled activities, like women's basketball for example, and we need to communicate that the court will be in use at a

specific day/time. One options is to put up a locked community board on the building at the Meadow Street Park with notice of such scheduled activities. The Rec Committee thought this was a great solution.

Shannon will work to set up a “survey monkey” with the questions (a few added by clerk and members about game night and pick up sports). We will have an intro statement saying we want feedback but no guarantee we can accomplish everything that is of interest due to money and time constraints.

7) X country Track

- Conservation Commission has some concerns about the race track.
- Sumio and Brian (track coach) will contact the CC to get on their agenda in February.
- Brian clarified the # of runners – 6 to 30 people for 1 day. The event will last about 1.5 hours for middle school and high school total.
- One concern the Selectboard brought up was passing safety given some of the trails are narrow. Brian explained that passing strategy is part of cross country. Brian ran the course and said it is comparable or in better shape then other trails they use in the division. The students are willing to review the trail prior to race and assure there are no rocks or obstructions that should be moved for the race.
- Mill River will cover insurance for the event and provide documentation.

8) Memorial Day Parade – Monday May 29th

- Consider pre registration – advertise on FPF that people should contact the town to get on the list of participants so we can come up with an order in advance.
- The Rec Committee members are happy to work on registration and organize the order of the parade, but do not feel comfortable directing traffic on Rt 7.
- We do have some funding in the budget (to be voted on) for an additional officer to direct traffic.
- We would like to do some outreach for new floats / ideas
- Contact at Legion is Mark Loseby VP American Legion

9) New Business:

- Ideas for upcoming recreation programs
 - Ballroom dancing – Shannon will ask her contact
 - Painting - Shannon contacted a few people about setting this up
 - Bone Builders – we use to have this but don’t know who did it
 - Couch to 5k – who would lead this.
 - Julie mentioned Trivia night.
 - With all of these option Rec members acknowledged that we have limited capacity to run events and hope we can find people to lead events so we can coordinate and get it started but not be at every event.
 - Wait for survey results – we will try to get a few things rolling this Spring.

10) March 9th Agenda

- Basketball installation
- Questionnaire results (if we have them)
- Baseball scholarships – budget update
- Memorial Day Parade
- Spring Rec events
- Elect a chair

11) Adjourn 7:15

Approved: 03/09/23