

RECREATION COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

MEETING MINUTES: April 8, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Busch, Dan Nicholson, Samantha Altieri & William Sieller

Members absent: Eric Sullivan

Meeting minutes taken by: Laura Greenough

Public: Ellen Sturgis (Selectmen/board liaison)

Meeting started: 7:05pm

Past Meeting Minutes

- The Recreation Commission reviewed meeting minutes from December 17, 2020
- Samantha Altieri made a motion to except the meeting minutes from December 17, 2020 as drafted. Dan Nicholson seconded the motion and the board voted 4-0 in favor of the motion.

Stow Recreation Budget

- Laura reviewed a draft of the 2022 appropriated budget with the Commission.
- Town Administrator approved to fund half of the salary for a recreation administration position for FY2022.
- Laura provided the Recreation Commission members a copy of the monthly revolving account report. She will continue to provide the group with monthly revolving account reports moving forward.

Town Center Park (TCP) Pickleball Courts

- Hank Tarbi approached the Recreation Commission about sponsoring a CPC article to build a pickleball court at TCP.
- The Recreation Commission has agreed to sponsor this project and the CPC application.
- Dan Nicholson recalls unofficially green lighting to support a pickleball court being built at TCP.
- Dan Nicholson made a motion to endorse a pickleball court being built at TCP according to Laura's description of the project. William Sieller seconded the motion and board voted 4-0 in favor of the motion.

Camp Stow 2021

- Camp Stow was advertised in the recreation newsletter on the Stow Recreation Facebook page, the Stow Recreation website, and the Stow Independence. Ellen Sturgis recommends that we advertise also on the town's news and announcement page on the town's website along with the town of Stow's official and unofficial Facebook pages.
- Camp Stow's registration is currently full. However, with loosening CDC guidelines, Laura is hopeful that the local board of health will allow us to increase our enrollment numbers to serve more kids this summer at Camp Stow.
- Laura MacDonald will be returning as the Camp Stow Director.

Stow Acres Golf Course

- The town is in the process of negotiating with Stow Acres to purchase a portion of their property for multiple municipal uses.
- Mike Busch gave an overview of the potential project and how it might benefit Stow.
- It is a long-term project with multiple ideas for the property right now. Currently the town is just trying to build relationships with the owner of Stow Acres and secure purchasing of the land.
- If the town does acquire the land, there is potential for recreational facilities at this site.
- Mike and Laura will keep the committee updated on the project as it continues.

Stow Town Beach 2021

- The Lake Boone Association (LBA) would like us to allow Hudson residents to use the Stow town beach during the summer of 2021.
- LBA in conjunction with the Town of Hudson has started a healthy lake initiative and the LBA believes that allowing more access to the lake for Hudson residence will help in generating funds to improve the healthy lake initiative.
- Ellen Sturgis would like Laura to check with Denise and town council to see if there are any legal ramifications for just allowing Stow and Hudson residents to access the town beach with a day pass.
- Dan Nicholson would like to go back to normal practices as best as possible for beach policies and procedures for 2021.
- That would include only selling day passes to Stow and Hudson residents and season passes to residents and non-residents. Employing lifeguards and beach checkers to work at the town beach.
- Laura will work with the board of health to create a plan following all the local and state guidelines for opening the town beach.
- Laura will be proactive about curbing traffic at night at the beach, whether that takes locking the beach at night or not.

The Recreation Commission next meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 6, 2021 at 7:00 pm viz Zoom.

MEETING ADJOURNED – Dan Nicholson made a motion to adjourn at 8:37pm, Samantha seconded the motion and board voted 4-0 in favor of adjourning