

Town of Milton, Vermont Recreation Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 9, 2019 • 5:00 p.m.

Milton Municipal Building
Town Manager's Conference Room
43 Bombardier Rd.
Milton, VT 05468

1. Attendance:

- Staff: Kym Duchesneau, Recreation Coordinator; Ben Nappi, Assistant Recreation Coordinator
- Recreation Commission: John Lindsay, Chair; Sharon Radtke, Vice Chair; Renee Berteau, Wayne Peters
- Absent: None

2. Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Lindsay at 5:06pm

3. Amendments to Agenda: None

4. Public Forum: None

5. Approval of Previous Minutes

- Minutes approved with revisions. Berteau motioned, Peters seconded. All in favor.

6. Recreation Department Report:

- **Fall & Winter Programs and Events – Updates & Discussion**
 - Yoga for Beginners is super popular. The Fall Foraging event was well attended. Mah Jongg is also fairly well attended.
 - Trunk or Treat is upcoming on October 25. We have 17 trunks at this time; 2 new businesses, and the rest returning. Hannaford has donated 10 gallons of cider and cups; Duchesneau will see if Dunkin Donuts will donate donut holes. The PTA will contribute candy. Event starts at 6pm, trunk businesses need to arrive by 5:45pm, the trunk judges have been picked and will arrive at 6:15pm, with judging at 6:30pm. Lindsay will be setting up lights donated to use from Milton Rental, and available to help. Peters will help at 5:30pm. Berteau will arrive about 6:50pm, and stay to help breakdown after (7:15 – 8pm). Discussion on notification of Green Mountain Transit commuter bus for that night to alter drop off location for commuters.
 - The Giant Pumpkin contest at the Milton Farmer's Market was covered by TV station Fox 44. The winning pumpkin was 220 pounds.
 - The movie "Made in Vermont" screening will happen on October 30, in the Community Room, at 6pm. The movie is rated PG-13.
 - Holiday Tree Lighting will take place on December 7. Event begins at 6:30pm, lights are lit at 7pm. The Town is taking over the event from the Milton Independent. The SD Ireland cement truck with lights will be there. Berteau committed \$100 to replacement lights.
- Milton Recreation Master Plan Update – Survey, Focus Groups, Timeline
 - The SE Group is putting everything together for the Master Plan Update, and goal is for a draft to be sent to Milton Recreation by end of November.
- Bombardier Property and Town Green/Hourglass Advisory Committees – Update

- The Hourglass Committee met on Oct. 8 with six people in attendance. Agreed goals are a main focal point, town tree, and a gathering area. The only item with conflicting opinions are the Old Soldier and the style of artwork for the project; they agreed that they want something to be “selfie-able”.
- Park Projects Update - Restrooms, Portolets, Dog Park, Signage, paint, electricity, task list, other
 - Restrooms will be closed 10/31. The portolets will be removed on 11/1. The Dog Park will be closed at the first snow; the fallen tree has been removed, and the contractor is being contacted to repair the fence. New Park Signage drafts were reviewed. The Park is wrapping up for the season.
- Budget & Capital Improvement FY21 – Discussion
 - The ideas discussed at the last meeting were included in Duchesneau’s submitted FY21 Budget proposal. Duchesneau will share Budget meeting timeline with Commission when it is announced. The Selectboard will hold Budget meetings in November and December with a goal of having the Town Budget meetings wrapped up by 12/31/19.
- Other Recreation Department Business
 - Nappi is attending the Vermont Conference on Recreation Oct. 10 & 11 and Duchesneau will be on vacation, so the Recreation Office will be closed during that time.

7. Recreation Commission Report:

- Milton Winter Festival – Feb. 7-9, 2020
 - The Milton Winter Festival planning is on track. There will be sled dogs (probably), the breakfast, fireworks, and the Big Blue Trunk, the Hitmen and the Library chili contest. Discussions of possible celebrities to get for the event.
- Other Recreation Commission Business - None

8. Next Meeting:

- Semi-annual joint meeting with Milton Conservation Commission: Tue, November 26 at 6pm

9. Motion to Adjourn: Lindsay moved to adjourn; seconded by Berteau. Meeting adjourned at 6:04pm

Respectfully,

John Lindsay, Chair
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