

Town of Milton, Vermont

Recreation Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2016 | 6:00 P.M.

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

Recreation Commission Members Present: John Lindsay, Sharon Radtke, Betsy Hoffmeister

Staff Members Present: Kym Duchesneau - Recreation Coordinator, Ben Nappi - Assistant Recreation Coordinator,

Public Present: Erin Demers

1. Call to Order

- Meeting was called to order by Radtke at 6:14pm.

2. Amendments to Agenda

- Lindsay wished to discuss an opportunity for the Economic Development Board to collaborate with the Recreation Department.

3. Public Forum

- Milton community member Erin Demers introduced herself and expressed interest in applying to fill the Recreation Commission vacancy.

4. Approval of Previous Minutes

- None

5. Recreation Department Report

- Duchesneau reported that the remaining Fall & Winter Programs & Events were generally well attended and successful. These included Holiday Band Concert, Cookie Decorating, Santa Letters and more.
- The new Winter & Spring Program Guide 2016 was presented to the Commission and looked through by members. Due to a glitch at the printers, the Guide was delayed a week in getting out to the community. The Guide includes many familiar favorites, as well as new offerings like Healthy Mediterranean Escape, Hover Craft Science Camp, March Farmers Market Madness, and more. The upcoming Instrument Petting Zoo event was featured by Find & Go Seek on Facebook. Unfortunately a few of the first Winter & Spring programs needed to be cancelled due to low attendance, including Hula Hoop for Fitness & Fun and Drawing with Young Rembrandts. Hoffmeister suggested that sending flyers home with kids at school helps to remind parents of upcoming events. Lindsay suggested that the Hover Craft Science Camp be offered to ages 8 - 13 instead of 6 - 11.
- Duchesneau gave an update on the proposed budget and capital improvement plan for fiscal year 2017. The Selectboard has elected not to fill the open part time Program Coordinator position for the Recreation Department. As the payroll for this open position was included in the Recreation Department budget for fiscal year 2016, Town Manager Donna Barlow-Casey has asked Department staff to think of some way to utilize these

funds to make the Department more efficient. Staff and Commission members discussed possibilities, including adding online program registration. Capital Improvement projects that may move forward in FY17 will include repairs to the basketball court/ice rink in Bombardier Park, and trash/recycle bins for Bombardier Park. Funds in support of creating a Dog Park in Bombardier Park were approved in the FY16 CIP. Milton Eagle Scout, Justin Beaudoin, has approached the Recreation Department about the possibility of leading an Eagle Scout project to put a small Disc Golf course up in Bombardier Park. Staff will work with him on this. The Public Works/Recreation Facility Study project for Bombardier Park which was worked on last year, will not move forward at this time.

- Commission members were invited to join Recreation staff at the Milton Budget Social taking place on Saturday, January 16 from 10am-noon in the Community Room of the Municipal Building.
- An update and streamlining of the application process for Facility Use is being proposed by Recreation and will hopefully be addressed at the Selectboard meeting on February 1.
- Recreation staff meets annually with Milton youth sports organizations to discuss field use, fees, logistics, etc. This meeting will take place on Wed, March 2 and Commission members are welcome to attend.
- Recreation staff have begun to plan for Spring & Summer and discussed possible programs and events to be offered. Counselors for Outdoor Opportunities Day Camps may be all new staff. Lindsay reported that the Economic Development Commission would like to lend support to a large community event in Milton and get local businesses involved. Commission members and Staff discussed ideas for this.
- Commission members were asked to assist with checking in participants at programs beginning on Monday, February 22.
- The Town is considering purchasing a piece of property located on the corner of Middle Rd. and Bombardier Rd. that abuts Bombardier Park East and the Milton Municipal Building property. This may be included as a ballot item for FY17.

6. Recreation Commission Report

- Demers expressed interest in applying for the vacant position on the Recreation Commission.
- Duchesneau gave an update on progress for Winter Festival planning. Commission members and staff discussed ideas for additions to the Festival to replace Sled Dogs if they are unable to be there. Ideas included snowmobile rides, climbing wall, skating party and others.
- Expanding the Giant Pumpkin Growing Contest to include other giant vegetables was discussed.

7. Next Meeting

- February 10, 2016

8. Adjournment

- Motion made by Radtke to adjourn; Hoffmeister seconded; meeting was adjourned at 7:16pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

John Lindsay
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Sharon Radtke, Chair
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