

# Town of Milton, Vermont

## Recreation Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

March 9, 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, Cyndi Dowling, Betsy Hoffmeister, Erin Demers

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

**Public Present:** None

### 1. Call to Order

- Meeting called to order by Radtke at 6:04pm.

### 2. Amendments to Agenda

- None

### 3. Public Forum

- None

### 4. Approval of Previous Minutes

- Demers made a motion to approve February 2016 minutes as written. Dowling seconded, minutes approved.

### 5. Recreation Department Report

- Recreation staff requested that Commission members take over the duties of recording official minutes. Commission members agreed and will rotate recording them monthly. Radtke will create a Google Docs page to help facilitate.
- Winter & Spring programs and events are going well. Farm to Table Maple Candy class went very well, but Farm to Table Bread Making was cancelled. Annual Egg Hunt is March 26 and Easter being early this year is disrupting schedules. All candy for the Egg Hunt has been donated by local businesses. Live bunnies will be at the event. Demers and Radtke will be at the event to help. Lindsay will emcee the event. Recreation designed and purchased lawn signs for the event to indicate age groups.
- Spring & Summer programs and events are coming along and the new Program Guide will be released in mid April. A few new camps will be offered, as well as many returning favorites. Jeffrey Cook may return as camp counselor. Job postings for the camp counselor positions have gone out. Fees have been increased slightly for many camps and programs. Lindsay suggested offering a Geocaching camp. Park Spruce Up Day will be Saturday, April 16. The next Milton Community Dinner will take place on Friday, April 15.
- Recreation and Town Manager's Office staff continue to work on updating Facility Use policies. An annual meeting with youth sports organizers and Town staff took place recently and went very well. Milton Little League would like to install a permanent batting cage at Bombardier Park West, and also bring back an annual opening day celebration for Little League. The new 9-hole Disc Golf course being put together by Eagle Scout

Justin Beaudoin will be installed soon. Recreation staff are meeting weekly with Erik Wells from the Town Manager's office about event planning.

- The Economic Development Commission continues to discuss the idea of creating and promoting large scale "signature events" for Milton. There has also been discussion about Bombardier Park being the capstone for the south boundary of a proposed downtown in Milton.
- The Town Fiscal Year 2017 budget passed, as well as a ballot item for the Town to purchase an additional piece of property located at the corner of Bombardier Road and Middle Road. The Capital Improvement Plan for 2017 is still being finalized.
- Nappi and Erik Wells will soon attend an event sponsored by Chittenden Solid Waste District entitled "Keep Your Event out of the Landfill!". Recreation has been invited to race in the annual Boy Scouts Pinewood Derby. Lindsay will build the car.

#### **6. Recreation Commission Report**

- Winter Festival was a success despite some unfavorable weather. Lindsay suggests possibly adding a Hot Cocoa Contest to events. Recreation staff and Commission members discussed possible improvements and changes for next year including ordering pizza depending on weather, adding events, adding lights and sound to moonlight skating, and more.
- Milton Bear will soon visit the Republic of Georgia.
- Demers will soon attend a meeting for the upcoming Mini Milers running program, which will begin in April.

#### **7. Next Meeting**

- April 13, 2016

#### **8. Adjournment**

- Motion made by Radtke to adjourn; Dowling seconded; meeting adjourned at 7:23pm.

Respectfully Submitted:



Sharon Radtke, Chair

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