

Scribe Sheet

Date: January 11, 2010
Scribe: Elizabeth Maier
Present: Adam, Elizabeth, Geoff, and Kristine
Public Participants: Nanci Allard and Ken Goslant

Meeting called to order at (time): 6:05pm
Meeting Adjourned at (time): 7:23pm
Next Meeting Date: 2/08/10 at 6pm

Topic Discussed	Summary of Topic Discussed	Decision/Action to be taken	Deadline/Person Responsible	Action Item Completed
Structure of Recreation Committee	<p>Nanci Allard came to the meeting to explain to the current members what the structure of the Recreation Committee is. Ms. Allard said that we could put an ad in the newspaper and on Channel 7 saying we have openings on the committee. She also discussed the current budget of the committee (\$5,000-6,000, \$350 for postage, rest in town general fund) and how the budgeting process works. She said if the committee wanted to spend any of the money we had to vote on it and then contact the Accounting Department. The town doesn't do reimbursements so they would have to pay the contractor, etc. directly. She would need our budget requests, if any, by late fall since that is when the town does the next fiscal budget. Ms. Allard also mentioned that she had heard about a potential outdoor ice rink at Memorial Park. The problem there is no water source. She said a water line would have to be put in on King Street. Another issue would be where to put the rink considering that the Northfield schools use the fields. She said the town/village has lots of land. If trees need to be cut back, etc., she said that was an option. Ms. Allard also suggested that the committee members come to a selectboard meeting and introduce ourselves.</p>		Adam will contact Channel 7 about advertizing for 2 open Recreation Committee positions.	
Ken's Vision and Comments	<p>Mr. Goslant, a selectman, informed the committee that he supports the committee. He wants to help us move forward. He said this year the outdoor ice rink is in Montpelier at VC and Northfield people can use it. Mr. Goslant said that he would like the committee to talk to Prof. Sevi and see what can be realistically done with the project his students created and presented to the board in the spring/summer of 2009. He mentioned that the skate park in its current state is a liability to the town. He mentioned that the playground at Memorial Park was mostly donated and</p>			

	put together in a couple of weekends. He also mentioned that it needs updating. Mr. Goslant said it would be nice to have an outdoor ice rink at Memorial Park and to have a cover over it (structure that could double as a pavilion in the summer months) to keep the snow off the ice. Dugouts could potentially be moved or eliminated to make room for ice rink/pavilion. Pavilion could also serve as safety shelter and power source.			
Town Survey	Adam mentioned the survey that the Norwich CJ209 students created to assess what the town and village residents wanted for recreation. Kristine had an old copy that she showed Nanci and Ken. Nanci said we could have them at the town meeting and village meeting for people to send out. She also mentioned the possibility of including them in utility bills. Again she mentioned we could put a notice on Channel 7 about the survey.		Elizabeth will bring the latest version of the survey to the next meeting and at that time the committee can decide how and when we want to distribute them.	
Tree Burning Event	The tree burning event was postponed until Saturday, January 23, 2010 at 6:30pm.		Adam is going to email an updated flyer to the committee members. Elizabeth will put the flyers up around town (pharmacy, banks, grocery store, etc.). Geoff will call people (Fire Warden, etc.) and reschedule with them.	
Member Field Trip	Committee members decided it would be beneficial to drive around together and see all the recreation facilities in Northfield and Northfield Falls. They will meet at the Rustic on Thursday, January 14 th at 4:30pm. At that point, one person will drive the group around town to see the facilities.			
Set Date for Next Meeting	The next meeting will be on Monday, February 8, 2010 at 6pm at the Municipal Building. At the next meeting, the committee will examine documents left by previous members. The committee will also create a 6 month action plan (programming and/or facility improvements, etc.). Northfield Rotary	Elizabeth motioned to adjourn and Geoff seconded it. Unanimous vote to adjourn.	Adam will bring documents provided by Linda and other former members to next meeting.	

	<p>is making a donation to the Recreation Committee and someone will need to represent the committee on Thursday, Feb. 11, 2010 at 6pm. We will determine at the next meeting who will go.</p> <p>Elizabeth and/or Adam will send out reminder emails about the upcoming meetings a week before and the day of.</p>			
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