

MOULTONBOROUGH RECREATION DEPARTMENT

ADVISORY BOARD

Mission Statement

The mission of the Advisory Board to the Moultonborough Recreation Department is to provide the public a standard of excellence in programs and services in a cooperative spirit that encourages participation in recreation, sport and leisure activities, while carefully promoting and utilizing recreational resources and facilities available in the community.

Purpose

The principal function of the Advisory Board is to serve as a communication bridge between the Recreation Director, the Board of Selectmen and the Community and to promote programs and services to encourage support from our community through input and participation.

MINUTES

April 11, 2011

Present: Al Hume, Carla Taylor, Donna Keuthe, Harry Blood, Celeste Burns, Chris Shipp, Carter Terenzini.

- I. CALL TO ORDER: Al called the Meeting to Order at 7:00 p.m.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. REVIEW/APPROVE MINUTES: Celeste made the motion to approve the minutes, Harry seconded the Motion. Approved.
- IV. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. Al formally welcomed new alternate member Morgen Gillis.

Al welcomed Town Administrator Carter Terenzini. Al opened discussion by asking Carter for direction on where Board is going based on Charting a Course. Carter explained that there were 18 Recommendations total. Some have been adopted and some are on the back burner. The focus for RAB is on #8. At time thinking was to revamp and become "Parks and Recreation." Wanted to add focus on facilities because hard to program without discussing facilities. But, nothing moved forward on this issue. Selectmen are waiting on two things, the Blue Ribbon Commission (BRC) Report and to see what comes out of the recreation department/athletic department study. Everything will stay on hold for those 2 things. Also, Charting a Course was based on RSPT's concept so BRC may make some things obsolete.

Carter also handed out a draft final report of the BRC and went over some highlights. The Community needs a gymnasium which would house the recreation department. Ideally it would be built on or adjacent to school land. Playground drive fields should be rehabilitated rather than constructing new fields at the Lions Club. Carter also pointed out that the recommendations are sequential so the plan to

move the visiting nurses to the current recreation department building assumes that the recreation department is now housed in the new gymnasium. Carter also mentioned that the report concludes that the community needs better human services for all in need and should be tackled through a new team and better website. The BCR is recommending that dividers be constructed at the Lions Club as a way to allow other programs to coexist with Meals on Wheels.

Celeste then asked Carter about the study looking at consolidating the Recreation and Athletic Departments because recent Board of Selectmen minutes indicated no one from UNH has shown interest in the study. Carter explained that he is looking into a no cost/low cost overview to see if the departments can be merged. No cost would be a capstone project, internship, or independent study. A student defines an action plan and gets school credits. No takers to date. Low cost approach explained: NH Municipal Association, local government center and UNH sponsors 3 fellowships, students hired for about \$6,000 for 20 weeks/400 hours. Have to compete for it. Application is getting filed in 10 days. If selected, the town gets to interview students to find best fit. Talked with Plymouth State but they don't have any programs that line up well. No public administration program. Rec/sports management is not prevalent there. Dartmouth is much more data driven and wasn't an option either. The student will need a well-rounded experience so needs to be exposed to other municipal management so needs to not just be focused on merger study but will be primary focus.

The members of Sounding Board for student would be a member of the Budget Comm., school board, and Board of Selectmen member as well as the Town Administrator and the Superintendent. Carter will ask Mr. Lancor about adding Harry and Donna. Carter will supervise the student on a daily basis.

Al and Chris questioned why student would be bouncing questions off anybody but Donna and Harry. Carter explained that it's not about day to day nuts and bolts of rec/athletics and that you don't need experts to ask a student who he's talked to.

Carla questioned if there was a conflict because Carter came up with merger idea. He doesn't believe so and said the budget advisory committee and citizens brought up the idea as well. This is an exploratory study and is not driven as a cost saving measure. May achieve better operational efficiency and coordination or may say no room for integration but need to go through the process to get answers. Charge to student is to explore, check out common elements, any opportunity to realign, merge, etc. to deliver better services.

Chris asked if other communities have combined. Donna answered that two have but not entirely. In Raymond the facility scheduler is one person. In Portsmouth the facilities independent and separate but the Rec Dir. has a stipend to also be AD and Asst. RD became Asst. AD. They also have a big staff.

Donna wants to make sure her staff is involved and Carter advised her to raise a red flag if the student spends less than 24 hours with your office. She also doesn't like the term "merger" used. She would rather have the study look at ways to streamline efficiencies rather than a predetermined merger.

Carter concluded by confirming he is going to keep it low cost or no cost. He is not going to go back and ask for \$10-12,000. The Fellowship process is pretty quick and will have an answer before June. The

Graduate student gets paid instead of credit. He is hoping to have it started before Fall of this year, 4-6 months for the effort will give time for boards to act before following year.

V. OLD BUSINESS

- a. No further discussion of recreation department/athletic department study
- b. Coaches' wrap up meeting/recent emails: Donna stated that there was a miscommunication in her office and they thought emails had gone out about the meeting and they didn't. Coaches have all been emailed now.
- c. Included in item VI.
- d. Tabled until new alternate is at a meeting.

VI. RECREATION DEPARTMENT UPDATE: In addition to going over the Director's Report (On file at the Recreation Department), Donna added that Zumba has resumed on Thursday mornings. Carla and Chris are interested in softball numbers but Donna did not have them available. They also asked about joining Meredith. Donna said that everyone seemed pleased with Carroll County direction as opposed to combining with Meredith. Allowing modified steal rule and bunting. Donna Tatro went to Carroll County and was able to get some of the rules changed which will help with better skill development. Meredith has 2 Moultonborough players for softball.

Carla asked about feedback with Cal Ripkin. Donna said there's been minor issues. The Team roster/schedule is not going on MRD website. The Rec. Dept. and Meredith schools have nothing to do with the program. MRD really can't give out information because it's just not their program. The kids are in the program because there's nothing else so Carla is hoping for more communication through our rec. dept. The teams are well split with coaches and players and where practices are.

VII. CITIZEN INPUT: An unnamed individual asked whether we combine our athletes/sports with Meredith. Donna explained that some seasons, such as basketball, we play against them and some are united, such as Lakes Region Cal Ripkin.

VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday, May 9th at 7:00 p.m.

IX. ADJOURNMENT: Celeste made motion to adjourn. Chris seconded. Motion carried. All adjourned the meeting at 8:13 p.m.