

New Boston Recreation

Subject: Commissioners' Meeting

Date: 4/11/06

Location: White Buildings

Attendees:

Commissioners: Lee Brown, David Hulick, Tom Joseph*, Kristine Gagnon*, Ken Hamel

Staff: Mike Sindoni, Mary Barone

Guests: None

* = *absent*

Discussion, *Motions* & *Action Items*:

- Senior lunch expanded to 2 times per week. 6-7 participants each time. Do we need to provide transportation.
- Van passed inspection, but there is play in the steering. Get it repaired. Other departments use the van, too: Planning, fire department, for instance.
- Cotton coverlets: New design to put new school in. Sample was not nice. Multi color. They will make another try. 6-8 week delivery time. Cost to us is \$30. We will sell them for \$50, with \$10 going to the grandstand, and \$10 to the playground association.
- Fund raiser at July 19 Fisher Cats game. We run the concession stand and get 10% of the proceeds. We need 10 volunteers. We already have 6.
- Spring / summer brochure will be out by the end of the week. Summer concert schedule will be published. 6 concerts instead of 7.
- Summer program: Camp director will be Laura Wiggin. Has been a counselor for 5-6 years. Sara Gagnon will be head counselor. Keep track of kids' registration date. Some parents don't register until they have made all their other summer plans. What new programming can we add? Golf lessons? Horses?
- Rex the bear. Mascot concept. Goes on trips and people take pictures and fill in a journal.
- Virtual town hall. Programs submitted. There will be training later this month for rec people. Tom will be invited. No credit card payment option until town vote.
- Town vote: What direction should we go in? Met with selectmen last week. Talked about options and disappointment with outcome. We would have liked more positive support from the school board. We want to have a meeting with them and with the selectmen to discuss the topic. Lee will try to set something up within the next 2 months. Selectmen suggested a building committee. Going for a bond is one option suggested by the selectmen. We need to review all options. The school will have 4 kindergardens for the first time next year.
- Skateboard park is getting messy. We need to ask them to be more considerate. Lee will follow up with Leo Joy.
- Parking lot gate at the ball field. Do we want to put one in to close it during the off-season and when the field is not in use? Do we want to put a chain across the back entrance? Cost guesstimate is \$1000 to \$2000. We will have to put a sign there once the new town ordinance is activated.
- Nyquist funding has been okayed for ballfield dug outs. Field has been surveyed and Lee is looking for a construction site plan for the practice field. Can we combine practice field/parking lot, memorial & dug outs and get them done this summer? We are still talking about a cistern for watering memorial lawn & plantings. Irrigation is still an issue. Upgrading the turf is pointless until we can guarantee 1" of water every week.
- Goffstown News article highlighted the fact that rec wanted to start running background checks. Lee did talk to other towns about how they handle checks.
- What is our town policy coverage for medical & liability? Baseball has its own policy. Other programs fall under the town's policy. Negligence is covered. If there is a simple accident, there is question about who will pay. Lee will do some research. Do subcontractors, like instructors, fall under our insurance? Are there more comprehensive riders available?

- Kenny: Talked to Wayne Daniels. He was not receptive to discussions. Is there any way to overcome their resistance? Discussions will continue.

David Hulick, Secretary