

**Town of Northborough
Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting
November 7, 2017**

These Minutes were unanimously approved at the Commission's March 6, 2018 Meeting.

In attendance: David Putnam, Mark Awdycki, Sean McCann, Allison Lane, Michelle Cilley and Guest Patti Kress (Northborough K-12 School Committee).

5:39pm—Meeting Called to Order.

5:40pm—May Minutes Approved. Dave Putnam (DP) made a motion to approve minutes from the last meeting in October. Mark Awdycki (MA) seconded, all in approval.

5:41pm—Recreation Report. Allie Lane (AL) discussed the Rec budget that she was submitting to Administration. She said that the increasing minimum wage will lead to raising prices for summer camp. AL said that last year, Recreation made less money in order to be more marketable; Rec has kept prices reasonable particularly for families with multiple children who would benefit from substantial sibling discounts. DP asked if AL wants the Commission's assistance in preparing the budget? AL said it wasn't necessary. DP asked if any programs were running at a loss? AL said just the Scarecrow Building event, which is a 'feel good, community event'. Discussion followed. AL said that one big expenditure has been to rent use of the high school; the high school is very expensive to rent. SM asked why, if the programs running there are for Northborough kids? Mrs. Kress said that any fee adjustments made for Northborough would have to be the same for Southborough. Next, AL discussed meeting with Christine Johnson (Superintendent), Cheryl Levesque (Director of Business at Algonquin), and Sara Pragulski Walsh (Algonquin President) to discuss the Rec's high school basketball program, scheduled to start in the winter. (This is a program that Rec runs for boys who were cut from the high school basketball team after tryouts.) They told AL that they wanted to increase the price to rent the gym to Rec for the upcoming year; in the previous season, former Principal Tom Mead approved the fee of \$500.00. At the end of this meeting, Ms. Johnson told AL that Algonquin was going to take the program back and run it themselves. AL went on to tell the Commission that Fran Whitten (formerly retired from but now Interim ARHS Athletic Director) contacted AL to say that he worked with Ms. Johnson, Ms. Levesque and Mrs. Pragulski Walsh and came to an agreement for Recreation to again run this program for a rental fee of \$700 for the season. This price will not be honored next year. SM asked who the Superintendent reports to? Mrs. Kress said the School Committee.

Mrs. Kress told the Commission that Cheryl Levesque is retiring and Matt Wells is her replacement.

6:01pm—DPW Report. DPW staff were not present.

6:02pm—Old Business: CPC Update. AL presented the MMS light project to the CPC. The cost is roughly \$602K. Discussion followed.

6:22pm—New Business. The next Commission Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 2.

6:24pm—Motion to Adjourn. FS made a motion to adjourn, MA seconded, all in favor.