

APPROVED

Town of Stratham



**Stratham Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes
November 19, 2015**

In Attendance: Tracy Abbott, Tim Copeland, Pam Dziama, April Mason

Absent: Chris Cavaretta, Frank LaSorsa, Jeff Simeone

Special Guest: Seth Hickey, Parks & Recreation Director

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm.

Meeting Minutes

The October 2015 Meeting Minutes will be reviewed at our next monthly meeting.

General Budget

Reviewed.

Revolving Account

Seth reviewed the accounts in the Revolving Fund which will be consolidated into the Reserve Account at the end of this year; Seth reported that there will be approximately \$21,000 from the Summer Camp program which will be getting transferred back to the General Budget at year-end; Seth will also be transferring \$4/participant for the sports programs, etc. back to the General Budget.

Sports Boards

- Soccer survey results will be coming soon.
- Basketball program is off and running.
- Baseball non-profit group is underway.
- Softball – Sunday nights will be starting this week; the Fall Rec Program went well.

Stevens

- Seth reported that the field is officially closed for the season and it will be getting aerated; the replacement garage estimates are in the works.

Stratham Hill Park

Seth discussed the Fat Bike Rental program, we reviewed the information, discussed the pro's and cons of the program, and asked Seth additional questions.

- **April made a motion to allow Seth to move forward with the Fat Bike Rental program as presented, Tim seconded, all were in favor – MOTION APPROVED.**
- The Forrest Management Committee will be doing a site walk on Tuesday and will review the details of the initial proposal so that it can be presented to the Board of Selectmen for approval.
- Seth reported that he is meeting with the new owner of the Short property.
- Seth confirmed that the permits are in place for the new 4 foot bridge.
- Seth reported that we were able to have (4) roofs replaced at Stratham Hill Park.

Administrative

- Seth explained that the funds to pay for the required background checks currently come from the Reserve Line Item. He is looking into a more concise way to be able to allocate the cost of these background checks to each sports program.
- Community Trips – Seth is arranging a trip to see the New England Patriots in conjunction with the Newmarket & Durham Recreation Departments.
- Seth will be planning a Moonlight Snowshoe event during a full moon. Details to follow.
- Seth reported that Eastern Mountain Sports will be doing a Snowshoe Demo Day in February.
- Seth stated that the Gifford House has been painted, has a new dishwasher, and that all of the 2015 projects have been completed.
- Pats Peak Ski program – A 2nd bus has been added for the High School kids.
- Seth reported that the Feed the Need road race had approximately 190 runners and raised over \$4,000 for the program.
- Seth is working on scheduling (2) Fat Bike races in February.

Tim made a motion to adjourn @ 9:05 pm, April seconded. All were in favor – MOTION APPROVED.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, December 17, 2015 @ 7:30pm at the Municipal Center.