

1 Stowe Recreation Commission Meeting
2 Wednesday, September 7, 2016
3 Meeting Room at Arena

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5 The regular meeting of the Recreation Commission was held Wednesday, September 7, 2016 starting at
6 5:15 in the meeting room at the arena.

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8 Members present: Pascale Savard, Terrie Weise, Walt Levering, Tom Ashworth, Brett Loomis. Absent:
9 Lynn Altadonna and Norm Williams. Also present: Matt Frazee, Recreation Director, Jeff from Vt
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12 Agenda: Terrie moved and Tom seconded the motion to accept the agenda as proposed.

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14 Minutes of July 5, 2016: On a motion by Tom and seconded by Walt the July 6, 2016 minutes were
15 approved as written.

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17 **Fees for Fields;** Matt explained what the previous fees have been and the possible proposal. All
18 members agreed the fees should be as proposed on the **revised side of Form 3: Rates**. Brett asked if
19 there is anything in the contract which protects the town when damage is done to fields and Matt said
20 no. It is difficult to hold anyone liable because of the weather and could run into a legal issue. Brett said
21 he felt there should be. Security deposit of \$500 would be required at the time of Selectboard approval
22 and at the site meeting.

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24 **Ordinances reviewed:** page 4 : (1) more than ten events that fall under the definition of special events
25 as defined in the ordinance shall occur on the Mayo Farm each calendar year: no more than five of those
26 may be non-athletic events No more than three of those may involve any use of the Polo Fields for
27 athletic/recreation events. (2) No special events shall be permitted on bare ground prior to Memorial
28 Day Weekend thru or after October 15th; **# 3 revised to read : The Polo Fields are available for**
29 **recreation/athletic events only and limited to 3 total events per year. The Events Fields shall be**
30 **available for all events.** # 4 to remain as written. Tom commented he felt they need direction from the
31 Selectboard as he did not feel a client should be allowed to choose what field they wish to use.

32 **Tape 1 side 2** Terrie moved to approve Section # 8 # 3 as outlined with the change, seconded by Walt
33 with all in favor.

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35 Brett moved to accept the Ordinance based on the proposed changes, seconded by Terrie with all in
36 favor.

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38 **Turf Vs Ice Discussion:**

39 Matt gave a print out for situations, i.e. number of man hours plus per hour rate of pay and revenues
40 and the number of weeks for each. Matt said there is not a major financial impact but agreed they had
41 to turn down two major tournaments because of turf. He said the turf is used mostly by locals/youth.
42 Much discussion continued both pro and con and Brett said he felt the purpose of the arena when built
43 was for activities/uses other than hockey. Walt stated there could be many uses like fitness training,
44 camps etc which would bring in more capital. The fiscal impact for year round ice compared to the

1 current turf season would result in an estimated \$11,419 increase in utilities, \$3,542 potential decrease
2 in salaries, and an estimated increase of \$9,645 of revenues for a net gain of \$1,768. Staff would
3 recommend the rink be closed for a 3 week period for cleaning and maintenance regardless of use.
4 Matt stated there is not a major financial impact to go from turf to ice. After more discussion, Walt
5 moved to keep the turf season for the same amount of time, seconded by Terrie with all in favor
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7 There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 6:15 P.M.
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9 Respectfully submitted,
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12 Barbara S. Allaire