

1 Recreation Commission Meeting
2 October 4, 2017 – Arena Meeting Room
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4 The regular meeting of the Stowe Recreation Commission was held Wednesday, October 4, 2017 in the
5 meeting room at the arena starting at 5:00 P.M.
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7 Members present: Brett Loomis, Chair; Lynn Altadonna, Mike Loughran; Walt Levering and Adam Rice.
8 Absent: Father Rick. One vacancy remains. Also present: Matt Frazee, Parks & Recreation Director.
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10 **Minutes of September 6, 2017:**Lynn moved to accept as written , seconded by Mike with all in favor.
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12 **Memorial Field Dugouts:** Matt said the tennis courts are still a capitol project. Matt explained that the
13 dugouts need to be replaced. It appears SYBSA is not interested in helping at this time (so may or may
14 not be able to contribute in the future) as they are trying to restructure. They feel dugouts should allow
15 for scorekeepers box and have a concession area. Having those amenities in the dugouts would allow for
16 regional tournaments etc. Matt said he was not sure that would be a huge economic benefit to the town
17 and would justify the cost, but reiterated that the dugouts need to be replaced. He said there are
18 different type of dugouts i.e. concrete floor and wooden structure. Matt said he is getting quotes at this
19 time. So far concrete floors are \$1500 per field, fixed benches about \$1500 per. These are preliminary
20 figures SYBSA had obtained and the cost estimates for the more elaborate design was !5- \$20,00 per
21 dugout. Matt said it is being looked at as a safety hazard. Brett said It could happen without the
22 concession stand and suggested private donations. Matt said he was looking for suggestions from the
23 members.
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25 **Financial Assistance Program:** Matt explained that in 2011 the Town developed the Financial Assistance
26 Program which provides funding for participants who qualify to receive scholarships for the recreational
27 programs. The Rec Department seeks donations through program registration, conducts 50/50 raffles at
28 various events, and created an event called “Miles for Smiles” which is co-sponsored by the PTO for
29 which 70% of the proceeds benefit the FAP and 30% to PTO. The town contributes \$1,000 per year. Two
30 separate private donations were received the past two years. Matt said there is currently \$1699
31 available in the FY 17 fund. Try to award 3500-\$5500 per year. It was noted applicants must be town of
32 residents. Matt said they are working on the funding issue and trying to come up with different
33 scenerios. One of the things they could do is charge for parking (or donations) at the 4th of July event. He
34 said they do not want to turn people away. He also said approximately \$10,000 per year will be needed
35 to satisfy the requests. Looking for suggestions from the Rec Commission.
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37 **Other Business:** Adam reported on the Selectboard’s meeting at which time he gave them an overview
38 of the report the Task Force committee put together in order to ask the voters for funds to study the
39 Mayo Fields i.e (swapping of fields). Caitrin Maloney and Christine ? representing Stowe Land trust were
40 present. Bill Adams said the Recreation part of the Mayo Farm is only one piece of the total issue. Matt
41 said the school district would have the biggest impact but they have options, one of which is to possibly
42 re-do the fields at the high school. The Selectboard took no action on the request of the Task Force
43 Committee to get the request on the ballot for this next year but it will be discussed at a future time.
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1 In order to accommodate some members, it was decided to start the meetings at 6:00 PM.

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3 There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:10 PM.

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5 Respectfully submitted,

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