

1 Recreation Commission Meeting

2 Wednesday, May 1, 2019 - Stowe Arena

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3 The regular meeting of the Stowe Recreation Commission was held Wednesday, February 6, 2019 in the
4 meeting room at the arena starting at 5:00 P.M.

5 Members present: Lynn Altadonna, Brett Loomis, Mike Loughran, Ben Novogroski, Candace Elmquist.
6 Absent: Adam Rice, one vacancies. Also in the audience was Al Hardy.

7 **The agenda was approved.**

8 **Minutes of 2.6.19:** Spelling of Candace's last name corrected. Mike moved to approve as written,
9 seconded by seconded by Lynn with all in favor.

10 **Annual Appointments:** Annual appointments scheduled to be determined in May each year were
11 discussed. Lynn offer to serve as chair and Ben agreed to remain as vice chair. Mike motioned and Brett
12 seconded, all approved.

13 **Rec Path Signage:** Matt presented two options for new signs for rec path as requested from November
14 meeting to address concerns expressed by Mary Skelton regarding the existing signs which inform
15 cyclists to use bell or verbal warning to announce when passing are small and hard to read from a bike.
16 After review and discussion Brett motioned for the additional 10 - 6x12 signs option and recommended
17 yellow signs with black lettering. Ben seconded, all approved.

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19 **Other business:** Al Hardy informed that he has obtained approval to build paddle tennis courts on his
20 property from DRB but wanted in see if courts could be built at Memorial Park if construction funds
21 were donated to the Town. The condition would be that a private group be permitted soul access to the
22 courts during specific times and they would independently manage their league. Paddle tennis season
23 would be Oct-Mar and they courts could be built to also accommodate pickleball in the spring-fall for an
24 additional expense. Matt informed that Memorial Park has deed restrictions from when it was donated
25 to the Town and that he did not believe it would permit the construction of tennis courts on the fields
26 and said he would follow up with Mr. Hardy.

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28 Discussed goals for the Rec Comm for the year. Matt informed that he was looking into consulting
29 companies to get pricing on getting a formal evaluation and assessment to develop a plan for going
30 forward and analyzing the needs and desires for the community for recreation programs and facilities.
31 Ben suggested that the Rec Comm discuss internally prior to bringing someone else in.

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33 Matt shared 1523 unique users participated in Recreation programs through the department within the
34 last year. Also 6500 visits for public skating, and more than 3000 total attended events.

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1 Matt informed the Rec Comm that the school is in negotiations for making space available at SES for
2 private childcare organization to provide a licensed afterschool program beginning next school year. Rec
3 was informed by the State that we would be required to become licensed to continuing offering our
4 program but that would also require us to license the summer camp which is not a viable option
5 because we would have to limit to 30 kids.

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7 Thank you letters were approved for Barbara Allaire for her contributions to the Rec Comm and to
8 Friends of Jackson for their donation for ice skates.

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10 Motion to adjourn by Lynn, seconded by Mike, all in favor at 6:58 pm

11 Respectfully submitted,

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