

1 Recreation Commission Arena Task Force Meeting

2 Wednesday, October 2, 2019 - Stowe Arena

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3 The regular Recreation Commission meeting was held Wednesday, October 2, 2019 in the meeting room  
4 at the arena starting at 5:17 P.M.

5 Members present: Lynn Altadonna, Adam Rice, Ben Novogroski, Candace Elmquist, Adam Rice, Brett  
6 Loomis, Dave Rogers, Matt Frazee. Absent: Mike Loughran. Also in the audience was Terrie Wehse, Jed  
7 Lipsky, Adam Davis, Scott Keys.

8 **Ben motioned to approve agenda; Brett Seconded; all in favor.**

9 **Changes to 9/11 minutes: current spelling of Lipsky; Adam was Adam Davis not Adam Rice on last**  
10 **line. Changes to 9/23 minutes: change Wednesday to Monday. Changes to 9.23 minutes: add "since**  
11 **we were tasked with viability of summer ice on line 31. Candace motioned to approve with**  
12 **amendments; Adam R seconded; all in favor.**

13 **Summer Arena Usage:** Matt presented usage charts showing who rented ice and for what purpose over  
14 the last two summers. The charts show revenue, hrs, and number of people/visits per group. The usage  
15 was fairly consistent the last two summers and despite NAHA moving, 2020 projects to be about the  
16 same. Feedback was to show the Dropin Hockey/Slugs. Condense the info to one chart. Candace  
17 commented that since we are not anticipating a decline in summer usage, why would we consider  
18 closing. Brett said that we would lose winter customers as a consequence of not having summer ice.  
19 Dave questioned what the goal of the study is. Lynn suggested that the goal is to demonstrate that  
20 summer ice at the Arena provides the greatest value to the community and is in alignment with the  
21 Mission of the Department. Jed said the Town invested in this facility for the benefit of the community  
22 and that should not be taken away because of the loss of NAHA. Nick the alternative of having turf in  
23 the summer could result in a greater total loss. It was suggested that we consider exploring reduction of  
24 staffing costs. Adam Rice suggested that we need to understand staffing expense. Ben said we need to  
25 show that both revenue and value to the community can be increased. Lynn mentioned he had spoke  
26 with Rachel Vandeberg SAA President about them working to promote the Arena and asked them to  
27 write a proposal. Jed mentioned that has been tried in the past.

28 **Community Impact:** Lynn said that he wanted to recognize community members who have or still do  
29 skate here who have impacted the community or have pursued skating as a career. Ben said he would  
30 help Lynn make a list.

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32 **Other Business:** next meeting Monday, October 7.

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34 Motion to adjourn by Lynn, seconded by Dave, all in favor at 7:34 pm

35 Respectfully submitted,

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37 Matt Frazee