

1 Recreation Commission Arena Task Force Meeting

2 Monday, October 7, 2019 - Stowe Arena

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3 The Recreation Commission Task Force meeting was held Wednesday, October 2, 2019 in the meeting
4 room at the arena starting at 7:05P.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, Scott Keys.

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

9 **Report Presentation discussion:** Lynn reviewed the draft presentation for the Selectboard and the
10 group provided feedback. For cover spell out Recreation and add dates. Page two Candace said we
11 should reword "Best in the State" so it doesn't give room for negative reaction. Slide 3 Jed said we
12 should specify Arena Task Force not only Recreation Commission. Adam R recommended Slide 4 should
13 be moved to front to get right to the point. Ben and Candace suggested to change "project a revenue
14 neutral" to "momentum to increase revenue." Ben suggested adding "and growing" to broad, strong.
15 Slide 5 Brett said should change Drop-In to Slugs. Show only one week and show by hour to give a
16 better visual. On Slide 9 add Slugs (Dropin Hockey). Ben suggested adding a proposed Summer league
17 to the 2020 projections. Lynn cautioned that we only want to put down what we are sure of. Scott K
18 said we should add number of sessions. Dave Rogers said he talked with Tony about the ice/building
19 systems and did some research and it did not appear that they is much more that could be done to
20 reduce utility costs, system is designed to be efficient. There are utility savings when there is not ice but
21 it is minimized by demand charge and also offset because there is not revenue. The group discussed a
22 need for a Promoter and suggests the Town should budget up to \$20k to hire a person. Jed suggested
23 the group should vote on the recommendation of having summer ice. Brett made a motion to
24 recommend that ice is the best use for the Arena in summer 2020 compared to no ice or turf. Ben
25 seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

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27 **Other Business:** Lynn said he wants to meet with Charles to get his input on the Task Forces progress
28 and schedule the presentation to the Selectboard. He will then schedule the next Task Force meeting
29 and will send the revised presentation and draft report for review and discussion at the next meeting.

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31 Motion to adjourn by Lynn, seconded by Dave, all in favor at 9:14 pm

32 Respectfully submitted,

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34 Matt Frazee