

Recreation Commission Special Meeting
Monday, May 18, 2020 - Stowe Arena
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- 2 The regular Recreation Commission meeting was held Monday, May 18, 2020 via Zoom starting at 5:03 P.M.
- 3 Members present: Lynn Altadonna, Brett Loomis, Dave Rogers, Ben Novogroski, Mike Loughran, Matt Frazee. In audience: Kelli Millick, Megan Mallory, Loren Marshall, Graham Mink, Ian Smith, Amanda Pelkey.
- 4 **5:03pm called to order. Agenda Approved.**
- 5 **Summer Camp**
- 6 Matt informed that the State has indicated that summer camp programs will be permitted to take place with certain restrictions including group limits of 25 including staff. With the new restrictions the Gale Center could only allow for up to 20 kids. Matt said he has been in communication with the Stowe Schools to find out if their facilities could be used for the camp and thinks it may be a possible solution but if allowed to use the schools the last week of camp would not be allowed. Matt indicated that the Arena would be another, perhaps more ideal option if the Arena is not permitted to open for a summer ice season. There was general discussion but no recommendations at this time as Matt is waiting to hear back from the schools.
- 7 **Stowe Arena**
- 8 Matt explained that he put together a zoom meeting with other Arena managers from Vermont who also have summer ice and that one of those managers mentioned they were told specifically by the state that they are not permitted to open their doors until further notice. Matt explained that there was initial confusion from many when the information was release allowing camps to operate this summer with up to 25 as many assumed that could include hockey/skating camps as well as other sporting camps. But we have since learned that was specific to general summer camps and childcare and does not include indoor sports facilities. It is believed that these types of facilities will be able to begin operating within phase 2 of the Governor's plan to begin easing restrictions, however no timeline has been released as to when this will take place. Matt said he continues to meet weekly with colleagues and reps from the State and will inform as soon as more is released. It is possible that the Arena could be used for summer camp if it were not allowed to open for ice season. Amanda Pelkey and Ian Smith indicated they are hopeful the Arena will open and they plan to hold out as long as they can. Graham Mink indicated he is hopeful that Stowe Youth Hockey will be able to offer their programs this summer but understands we are waiting for authorization from the State.
- 9 **Fireworks Festival**
- 10 Matt explained for informational purposes that the Selectboard will be deciding on revoking all large special event permits for the remainder of the year since large gatherings are not allowed at this time and may not be for some time. This would include the Parks and Recs 4th of July Fireworks Festival.

5:59 Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted
Matt Frazee