

Recreation Commission Regular Meeting
Wednesday, December 2, 2020
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- 2 The regular Recreation Commission meeting was held Wednesday, December 2, 2020 via Zoom starting at 5:03 P.M.
- 3 Members present: Lynn Altadonna, Dave Rogers, Adam Rice, Ed Sthal, Ryan Thibault, Art Shinnars, Matt Frazee
- 4 **5:03pm called to order. Agenda Approved.**
- 5 **11.4 minutes approved.**
- 6 **Rec Plan discussion**
- 7 Lynn started by explaining the importance of developing/updating a 10 year rec plan to define the needs, purpose, and priorities for recreation in Stowe and stated that we need to make sure we hit the mark this time so that it is something the community and Selectboard will get behind. Lynn suggested before we discuss what the needs are he wanted to make sure everyone had a good understanding of what the Recreation department currently is and does. Lynn asked Matt to describe. Matt described the three divisions (Recreation, Parks, Arena) of the Parks and Recreation Department and the main roles and services of each. Ryan asked what does Matt see for areas of growth/need for programming in the future and Matt indicated that Rec has already taken over the administration of Flag Football and Youth Basketball and could see further expansion into youth sports as is commonly seen in municipal recreation on other towns as it gets more difficult for volunteer organizations to take on. Matt also said that he could see the department doing more collaboration with other organizations for larger events rather than doing some of the smaller events they currently do. Dave asked what Matt thought were main priorities for the department in next 10 years and Matt said that due to the current projects in the Town and economic concerns related to COVID, that it will be important to be realistic on how much the Town will be able to take on. The Arena is now 7 years old so we will have to begin factoring in additional maintenance/repair costs over the next 10 years as it ages. The replacement of the Rec Center remains a high priority and the expiring of the Mayo Farm easement is also coming up in 2028 so the community will have a lot of decisions to make there. Asked about field needs Matt said that the only issue he sees with the Town's current field is that Memorial and Polo are particularly wet and take a long time to dry out in the spring. Brett asked Matt to keep the Rec Commission informed on what is going to be realistic and attainable so that we don't waste time on something that will never get approval or happen.
- 8 **Other Business**
- 9 Matt informed that he submitted a capitol request to replace trash/recycling cans on the rec path with bear proof units. He also submitted info for future capitol request to replace lights on the basketball courts. Matt also provided COVID status updates

6:12 Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted
Matt Frazee