

## **Park and Recreation Commission**

Minutes of the Meeting

**October 13, 2021**

**Meeting called to order:** 7:30pm.

**Commissioners in Attendance:** George Caye, Michael Kelly, Michael LeBlanc, Toby Lewis, Bill Nowak, and Dan Rezende

**Also in Attendance:** Molly Keays and Kerry Macchi

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion made by Mike Kelly and seconded by George Caye to approve the July 14th minutes. Passed unanimously.

**Public Input:** None present

**Report of Council Liaison:** Erica Evans did not have much to report from the council. She expressed the excitement from the council to learn about the work starting on the Pickleball courts and Dek hockey rink at Rye Street, and they look forward to that addition to town.

**Report of the B of E Liaison:** None due to the absence of the liaison.

**OSTF:** George Caye reported at the last meeting they discussed the property at 124 Brookfield Street, otherwise known as the Willowbrook Gold Course. The consensus was overwhelmingly for the town to purchase the property. There is great potential for the space and also for the possibility of being the home of Parks and Recreation in the future. The cost will be great, but the possibilities are endless at that location, not exactly to revive the golf course but to revamp it as something else. The funding would have to go to referendum because of the high cost.

**Report of Parks and Rec. Director:** Molly Keays, Director of Parks and Recreation provided updates on the following:

- Molly brought to the commission's attention some options for the Capital Projects 22-23, and asked for their input on what project they would like to prioritize. Molly explained that a lot of the pricing quotes would not be valid anymore because of supply shortages during COVID. Mike requested that if they had a better scope of the price, it would be easier for them to prioritize the list. Molly would report back at the next meeting.
- The new Showmobile was delivered at the end of the summer and then we received a check \$60,000 from Rotary Club for their partnership. We have already rented it out a few times for fall events, and look forward to having it become more of a revenue source.
- TLB Architect came out to VMP for a site visit to survey the land and we are waiting for the final report of the project.
- We have been working with Anchor for the redesign and engineering of the Wapping Tennis Courts and hope to have those reports by mid-fall.
- Rye Street tennis courts have been demolished to start the work for the new Pickleball Courts and Dek Hockey rink. We have been working with Design Professionals for the design. Molly is hoping to go out to RFP for portions of the construction costs.
- Molly highlighted some of the events and programs going on in the department for the upcoming months, and we are looking forward to them!

**Other Business:** None

**SWW&WW:** Molly is still working on the design phase of the Cross Town Trail with Kevin from Anchor. Kevin is working more with Eversource on certain aspects of the trail that we want to use along the corridor. The partnership with Eversource is the only thing holding up the plan, as they are fairly slow with their approvals.

**Meeting adjourned** at 8:12pm – motion made by Mike Kelly and seconded by George Caye- passed unanimously.

**Next Meeting: November 10, 2021**

Respectfully Submitted – Kerry Macchi, Administrative Secretary