

Town of Chesterfield Parks and Recreation

Meeting Minutes 10/20/2014

Present: Elaine Levlocke, Fran Shippee, Deb Bokum, Dewey Auger, Erik Barnes.

Meeting called to order 6:10PM by Bokum at Wares Grove Beach with Appointment Jim Larkin.

Reviewed Parks and Recreation storage building for possible future improvements and for the consideration of making the building a year-round recreation center. Larkin explained the building will require some modifications in the structure as well as plumbing and electrical to meet codes if the building modifications are done. Building review ended at 6:40 and meeting returned to Chesterfield Town Office Building at 7:05PM

John Melvin joined meeting at that time. Melvin announced 17 Chesterfield girls attended a Field Hockey scrimmage against Brattleboro at Chesterfield. Chesterfield girls won. The committee was pleased with the turnout with the number of players and level of interest in the town.

Melvin made a motion to accept the 10/06/2014 meeting minutes with amendments. Barnes seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Fran Shippee presented the monthly budget. Barnes complimented Director Sipler in reducing wage expenses while maintaining proper coverage by over \$3,000.00 this summer. Auger made the motion to accept the budget as presented. Melvin Seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Auger made a motion to go into non-public session per RSA 91A-32C. Melvin seconded which passed unanimously.

Auger made a motion to come out of non-public session. Melvin seconded which passed unanimously.

Sipler presented the Directors report. Concession stand and lifeguard expenses were down this summer while maintaining coverage. Sipler intends on contacting Rick Gauthier in order to make needed repairs to both North Shore as well as Wares Grove properties.

Sipler continues to work with Dwayne Chickering to resolve Parks and Recreations mobile phone billing problems.

Sipler would like clarifications regarding the background check requirements for volunteers and coaches with Parks and Recreation. She will continue to work with Rick Carrier on this issue.

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New Business

Bokum would like to be discussed and would like to vote during our next meeting for Public Input to be added to the monthly agenda.

Public Input:

Diana Warhall volunteered her swimming LLC uses a company based out of NJ that charges \$15.00 per background check/ law check and has a 1 week turn-around. Warhall also questioned why Parks and Recreation has moved the Post Office Box to the Spofford post office. Bokum indicated it is for the convenience of the committee as the volunteers are unable to get to Chesterfield Town Office by the time the business office closes for the day and the committee's risk of not getting mail in a timely manner.

Don LaFontaine wanted to reiterate the current background check system for volunteers is important and valuable but it not convenient for volunteers. LaFontaine had to take time off of work in order to obtain his. He is concerned the town may lose future volunteers with the current process. ie; limited hours, Keene location where background checks can be done.

With no other new or old business the meeting was adjourned at 8:35PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Dewey Auger, Secretary

Deb Bokum, Chair.