



Recreation Commission

Town Of Hinesburg

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Meeting Minutes October 9, 2012

Attendees: Tom Ayer, Kevin Cheney, Justin Daniels, Tom Giroux, Shannon Emmons, Kristi Johnson (ISC), Irene Kenyon, Jen McCuin, Sean Sweeney (Buccs), and Frank Twarog,

July 4th Committee Update

- Next meeting is 11/13/12 at 7:00 pm.
- Shannon Emmons and Irene Kenyon arrived to participate in the July 4th Committee portion of meeting, responding to the Front Porch Forum post and article in The Record looking for assistance. They are interested in assist with fundraising and planning activities for July 4th. They plan to attend the 11/13 meeting to connect with Megan and Mark.

Approved September Minutes

Soccer Recap

- Thank you Tom, Frank, and Katie for coaching 3rd/4th grade girls.
- Starksboro Jamboree is Saturday October 13, 2012 to conclude season.
- Thank you Tom for lining fields.

Budget

- Confirmed needs for July 4th
- Would we consider looking for another Port-O-Let vendor to cut costs?
- Agree that part of fundraising with the July 4th Committee is fireworks and activities, such as bands and entertainment.
- Kevin's plan is to meet with Brad and Bob to confirm funds specifically for fireworks/July 4th for upcoming years. This will give us an idea of what we can spend for a firework display.

Bissonette Recreation Field Project

- Tom Ayer from Select Board joins meeting, along with Sean Sweeney from Buccs Youth Football and Kristi Johnson from Iroquois Soccer Club.
- Frank provides recap of project and costs – Phase 1: \$368,000 that includes road, parking, one complete field and all earthwork on second field. Phase 2: \$630,000 for completed second field, baseball diamond, and storage shed and restrooms.

- Tom provides map of project that shows road, parking, and fields.
- Recreation Commission is leaning toward approaching project without a bond with fundraising and utilizing the Eddy Trust funds, but realize it will take significant donors. They've agreed to speak with the Buccaneers and Iroquois Soccer Club to gauge interest.
- Frank asks for feedback on the next 5 years of enrollment/participation for Buccs.
- Sean confirms a surge in enrollment this season – 40 extra players. He agrees to ebb and flow and the difficulty to predict.
- Justin points out that football is the most popular sport.
- CVU's Football program has a lot of momentum and interest currently.
- Buccs practice Monday-Sunday from 5:30-7:30 p.m. from mid-August through early November.
- Kevin points out that practices can be moved to different portions of the field – i.e. baseball area. Sean confirms they do this currently at Palmer Field.
- Kristi Johnson of ISC confirms spring usage of mid-week practices 5:30-7:30 p.m. and Friday evenings, Saturday and Sundays.
- Sean confirms Buccs interest in having a home field and fences to sell advertising with signs. This system is used in Shelburne at their Little League Field. Currently, they are unable to place anything permanent at Palmer Field – no storage shed, snack bar, fence for signs, etc.
- Sean confirms that Buccs host 3 home games per team, which would be Saturday from 8:00 am until 1:00 pm.
- Tom feels that if both fields are constructed, we would have enough space to run the HRD Soccer program and the Buccs Football program. One new field would alleviate other current fields – Town Hall Field and United Church Field.
- Tom confirms the new “multi-purpose fields” would accommodate football, soccer, and lacrosse dimensions.
- Signs are temporary – i.e. up for the football season.
- Sean proposes building 2 fields simultaneously will be 25-30% cheaper due to efficiency in labor.
- Justin proposes that with various organizations involvement there is an opportunity for the work, material, and labor to be done more economically.
- Jen stresses the importance of drafting a legal agreement outlining expectations, scheduling, who's responsible for what, and for how long, etc.
- Buccs charges \$150 for the season, which includes equipment. Confirms that their numbers for 40 more this season and they had to turn some players away.
- ISC charges \$150 for a soccer season. Signs-up due in fall for spring season and game scheduling occurs in December through the VSL – VT Soccer League.
- How many people attend a youth football game? Average is about 100.
- Kristi asks what is the timeline for this project? Spring 2013.
- Tom asks if Recreation Commission members are on board with involving Buccs and ISC? Consensus is that everyone is on board to include and move forward.
- Sean will speak to the Buccs board and come back with concerns/questions/feedback.
- Jen confirms next Recreation Commission meeting on 11/13/12 for anyone interested and for follow-up.
- Sean wonders what the costs will be for maintaining the fields.
- Jen confirms it will increase significantly from current costs, in addition to increased administration/coordinating, etc.

- Tom feels confident he can get accurate information from the Director of Maintenance and Facilities/Grounds.

Next Meetings:

- July 4th Committee Meeting is November 13, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.
- Recreation Commission meeting is November 13, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.