



Recreation Commission

Town Of Hinesburg

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Meeting Minutes October 8, 2013 – 7:00 PM

Attendees: Tom Ayer, Kevin Cheney, Tom Giroux, Jen McCuin, and Frank Twarog

Minutes

Approved September minutes.

Bissonette Recreation Field Project

- Tom confirms the following
- \$45,618.45 has been raised since beginning of fundraising initiative
- \$25,000 grant being pursued/gained by Joe C.
- Possibly another \$25,000 grant being pursued by Jill Lowrey from Buccaneers
- There is a pending land sale for Lot 32 that could benefit this project
- Frank recalls Grabowski promising \$75,000 worth of improvements to Lot 32 when it going to be a full-sized field. He will pursue locating this promise or agreement.
- Black Rock Developers have contacted the town and a deal/plan is eminent. Their initial plan to put in a road would be worth about \$140,000.
- \$30,000 was spent on widening the intersection across from Jiff Mart for the Fletcher Allen building.
- Between money raised, Eddy money, in-kind donations, and Black Rock putting in a road, this project may be 75% financed. The last 25% is still negotiable.

No July 4th Committee Report

Winter Carnival

- Jen proposes either a new group take over Winter Carnival or a new event on different winter day. She feels the Hinesburg Nursery School is already serving the second Saturday in February and with RC interest waning of the event, would prefer to phase it out.
- Tom prefers to continue Winter Carnival and feels we just need to work harder.
- Kevin proposes that doing something different is worthwhile. A new event will spark interest.
- Frank proposes inviting the Hinesburg Nursery School to the next RC meeting to create a transition year away from Winter Carnival and extending their event day/fundraising effort.
- Jen proposes a dance with a band to break up the winter months.
- Kevin gives example of the Chili Cook-Off in Middlebury. Event is put on by the Chamber of

Commerce and Better Middlebury Group. People pay for a button, are given a spoon, and can sample chili. Streets are closed and there are thousands of people walking around in early March from 1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

No one attending to speak on behalf of BINGO update.

Background Checks

- Jen has begun gathering information on how other recreation departments handle background checks.
- Frank feels it's a non-issue for coaches, as they are never left alone individually with children.
- Frank also proposes if pursued, the cost would be covered by the town – not the volunteer.
- Kevin gives information on how his company handles background checks. There are many options. The trick is to find what works for your needs. Jen confirms that it will definitely take time to an already full schedule, but feels compelled to pursue it.
- Tom feels Rec. Dept. should at least complete the online VCIC option.
- Frank feels this should be a service that is hired out.
- Jen will try VCIC option for the basketball season and see how it goes.

Next Recreation Commission Meeting is 11/12/13 at 7:00 pm.