



## Recreation Commission

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### Meeting Minutes – October 11, 2016

**Members Present:** Kevin Cheney, Henry Moreno, and Heidi Turner

**Members Absent:** Tom Giroux, Frank Twarog

**Also Present:** Jen McCuin (Rec. Coordinator), Kyle Bostwick, Rodney Putnam, and Jason Fitzsimmons (Resident)

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Additions. Jen proposes changing the meeting to the first Monday of each month accommodate
3. Kevin Cheney's new schedule and availability of the first floor conference room. All members present approve, but will confirm with Frank and Tom for Nov. meeting.
4. Public Comment. Resident Jason Fitzsimmons expresses his desire for a skate park in Hinesburg. He does not have plans, cost estimates, a proposed location or proof of support to date. Jen goes through the history of the former skate park in Hinesburg from the initial grant and fundraising for the project, to the location hidden down behind HCS, the challenges of breaking down and setting up the ramps each year, the wear and tear on the equipment, the poor behavior, lack of supervision, lack of funding and support to sustain, the ultimate decision from HCS asking the Town to remove the park from the rink and from the premises, the storage, the search for another location in town, and finally the vehement responses from Creekside residents when it was proposed to set up the park behind the former Police station, which was the only town-owned land possibility. Ultimately, the equipment was donated to the Bristol skate park where there is a vibrant, successful skate park adjacent to a teen center. Kyle advises Jason to return with a plan, location, cost estimate, fundraising plan, and proof of support.
5. Thank you to Henry for representing the Recreation Commission and the Bissontte Rec. Field project at the Fall Festival Boards and Commissions Fair at Town Hall. Jen also thanks Henry for his support and assistance with the soccer program. His basketball refereeing is essential

and appreciated as well.

6. There is discussion on Tom's proposal from the Sept meeting to move 2017's July 4th celebration to Sat. 7/01 which is the Sat. before to support the Fire Department's 75th anniversary. This will be tabled until the Nov. meeting when Tom and Frank are both present. Jen agrees to contact Al Barber for details.
7. There is no update on the SCHIP grant submitted on 9/30/16. There is no update on the grant prepared by Rebecca Gurney. Per Kevin, the first field at Bissonette Rec. Field will be complete and seeded this month.
8. Kyle and Rodney agree to complete their membership application for Recreation Commission.
9. Coordinator's Report.
  - a) Rec. soccer program is winding down a successful season with 116 participants. CVU Men's Varsity Soccer team assisted each Sunday with the Kindergarten soccer program with Coordinator, Jen McCuin.
  - b) Ultimate Frisbee is finishing up the season and hosted a tournament at Lyman Park on 10/09.
  - c) A new session of Driver Education will begin on 10/17 at Town Hall.
  - d) Currently working on winter programming. Winter HRD Guide is due out in mid-Nov.
  - e) Online registration program is a successful addition to HRD. Users are happy for online registration and credit card payment option. Timewise, it's streamlined the registration process for HRD.
  - f) A resident Eagle-Scout candidate (Sean Garey) will build a shed for HRD to store all equipment and 12 mini soccer goals. Shed will be located at edge of Town Hall Field. Timing is good as all HRD items in Vestry need to be relocated ASAP.
10. Other Business: Quadra Concert is set for Friday, Jan. 6, 2017.
11. Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2016.
12. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.