

SANDOWN RECREATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES NOVEMBER 14, 2019

Approved 11-28-18

Recreation Commission  
Minutes 11-14-19

The meeting was called to order by Chairman George Blaisdell at 6:45 PM. Present were members George Blaisdell; Jessica Scarlett; John Donahue and Darren Hudgins, ex officio. Absent: Member and recording secretary Nicky Utman. Also present: Recreation Director Deb Brown.

Motion: Darren Hudgins: To accept the minutes of 10-17-19. Second: Jessica Scarlett. Discussion: Correct the spelling of John Donahue's name. VOTE: Motion passes. Abstaining: John Donahue.

Members reviewed budget information and RFP's for mowing and fertilizing. Pricing for mowing was close in dollar amount. It was noted that the current contractor has been doing an outstanding job for a number of years, is offering a multi-year contract which would guarantee no increase for 2020 and has been very helpful with overall field maintenance. Two RFP's were received for fertilizing. The current contractor was significantly lower than the other RFP received.

Several other lines were reviewed. Many are going to stay level with what was budgeted for the Fiscal Year 2018 year. Other lines such as utilities, are expected to see increases and the recreation commission has no control over that. Mrs. Brown would like to see the New Equipment Line and the Replacement Equipment line placed back in for 2019 after being cut for 2018. New Equipment at \$2,000 was returned into the budget. Replacement Equipment line was returned to the budget at \$1,000. Both these amounts have remained at these levels for multiple years and have helped when needing to replace things such as canopy tents used in the summer for shade. If these get ruined during high winds or heavy storms, it costs up to \$1,000 to have them replaced which is the same amount as the insurance deductible so insurance does not help unless more than one is destroyed.

Work on fixing the gate going to "C" field has been scheduled with maintenance. Mrs. Brown is waiting to hear back from electrician on fixing the balusters in 6 lights at the recreation building that are non-working and on the cost of installing an electrical outlet in the room where the pressure tank for the well; irrigation controls; and sump pump are located. Currently the sump pump needs to be unplugged when the irrigation system is in use. Not an ideal situation as both should be plugged in through out a good portion of the year.

The Halloween event with Odd Bodkins done in conjunction with Plaistow Recreation was very well attended. It took place in the upper hall at Plaistow Town Hall. The Holiday House Lighting Contest; The Children's Coloring Contest; the Senior Holiday Luncheon; budget presentations to both the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee are all coming up in December.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for November 28<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Brown  
Substitute Recording Secretary