

North Stonington Recreation Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
January 5, 2023

Attending Commissioners: H. Dugas, J. Holdridge, M. Broneill, L. Umphlett, E. Mastroianni

Attending Guests: Tom Fabian (Rec Director), Christine Dias (Admin/Finance Director), Ramsey Allen & Heather Gauthier – Boy Scouts

Call to Order: 6:28 p.m.

Minutes: December 1, 2022 minutes reviewed and approved (5 to 0)

Financial Report: reviewed and approved (5 to 0)

Correspondence: Email to Boy Scouts reviewed – condition of Rec Center was noted after a scouting event.

Public Comment: Heather Gauthier – Scouts workday is coming up in February/March

Old Business

- **Use of approved ARPA funds:**
  - Funds used to date \$5,663.80
  - Upcoming programs for consideration: April Vacation program noted
- **Facility Use Policy by Community Groups:** Draft presented to Recreation Director for feedback.
- **Background Checks for Coaches and Volunteers:** Draft being reviewed by Resident State Trooper.
- **Kitchen Stove Hood:** Tabled to next meeting.
- **Youth Basketball Program:** Younger program started on 1/8; 27 have signed-up to date. The other leagues are going well, practices and games on schedule. Discussion about practice time at the school and concern with times available noted. Suggestion was raised to go to the Board of Education to request some dedicated gym time. The next Board of Education meeting is 1/25/23.
- **Santa event (12/3/22):** roughly 30 people in attendance. If we hold this event again suggestion was to incorporate a coat/hat/mitten drive or a toy drive.
- **Holiday Program Recap:** Both North Stonington and Westerly parades went well. We were able to remain under budget.

New Business

- **Family Skate Nights (3x):** 70 people attended 12/18, 1/15/23 event is sold out, 2/12/23.
- **Yagoo Valley Snow Tubing:** Poll held online. It reached 386 people and 64 voted. 50 people voted to pay a portion of the event if it was held.
- **Budget 2023/2024:** Motion approved (4-0) to present the following budget:
  - \$72,350 B.16.01: Programs
  - \$8,000 B.16.02: Field Maintenance
  - \$21,805 B.16.03: Salaries
  - \$12,995 B.16.04: Admin Expenses
  - \$10,230 B.16.05: Rec Center

- Summer Playground Camp 2023
  - 7 week program; tentative June 21<sup>st</sup> last day of school – camp start 6/26 to 8/11
  - 8 counselors/day; 13 in total. 3.5 hours day @\$15/hour.

**Public Comment:** High School Basketball program in Stonington – is that something we explore having a team to join?

Motion to adjourn 8:06 p.m. approved (6-0)