

June 25, 2018

Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting

Present: Jim Hidden, Casslyn Cook and Jessica Perkins

Meeting called to order at 6:08 pm.

Casslyn Cook reviewed the minutes from last week's meeting and noted a few minor grammatical errors. Casslyn made a motion to accept last weeks minutes. Jessica Perkins seconded the motion and all in attendance approved the motion.

Casslyn presented the committee with 4 pages of questions that had been drawn up for Parker Roberts. She submitted the questions on June 21, 2018 giving Parker Roberts 5 business days from receipt of the questions to answer the questions or request more time.

It was noted that Easter was left off the list of activities included. Jessica Perkins asked if Easter was well attended or not. Casslyn Cook stated she was unaware of the attendance. Jim Hidden stated that it was rather well attended in the past.

Casslyn stated she had emailed Darlene McWhirter on Wednesday, June 20, 2018 with several questions pertaining to background checks, detailed printouts of expenses and revenues as well. The committee agreed they had no further questions to add to Darlene McWhirter.

Casslyn suggested considering the Moultonborough parks and recreation department for comparison and suggestions.

Jim Hidden further suggested that the committee also look at Bartlett, and Madison but noted both do a lot of parks and rec programs through the schools.

It was noted by the committee that other areas for comps would be Ossipee and Wakefield for comparable size and revenue.

Jim suggested emailing each towns recreational department with 5 questions to answers. He said most other towns would be able to answers such questions as how they inventory. Jim suggested that it be asked of each town where the school and town programs overlap.

Jim stated that a general question to the various towns about policies would likely cover a multitude of procedural questions and financial questions as well.

Casslyn suggested coming up with a list of questions to email the rec departments and had suggested Sandwich also be added to the list of towns to email. Casslyn suggested asking the towns what they offered for Adult and Juvenile programs as well as the costs associated with any trips offered. Casslyn also suggested making sure they are comparable programs as far as length of time and days per week they are offered.

Casslyn stated that a public survey was an option and Ann McGarrity had asked for the publics input on questions for such as survey on the Tamworth Exchange. Casslyn suggested getting a list of questions

from Ann and presenting questions to Mary Cronin to put them into a viable survey for the committee to use.

It was discussed by the committee that it was likely the survey could be made available by the week of July 9th.

The committee decided to schedule the next meeting for Tuesday, July 10th at 6pm. It was also noted by Casslyn that by the July 10th meeting the committee should have the answers from Parker Roberts to the questions that were sent out to him as well as answers to the questions emailed to Darlene McWhirter. Jim stated it was unlikely that Darlene would divulge very much information on the names of those who had background checks done. Jim also suggested that the committee contact Parker for the email contact information for the surrounding towns park and recreation departments.

Casslyn informed the committee that Melanie Streeter would be looking into the 5 days of Sandwich and would have information for the committee by the next meeting.

Casslyn made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:42pm. Jessica Perkins seconded the motion and all were in favor.