

# **Guilford Recreation Commission Meeting**

## **Wednesday, June 12, 2019 - 6:30-8:00 Guilford Town Office**

**I. Commissioners and Selectboard in attendance:** Verandah Porche, Wendy Stone, Eric Jones, Chris Zappala, Tadj Schreck

**II. Recognition of Public:** Welcome Taylor Franklin!

**III. Call to Order:** 6:43

**IV. New Additions:** Added a recognition of Jake Dixon's recent loss, under new business

**V. Changes to Agenda:** no further changes

**VI. Approval of Minutes:** from May 15, 2019. Eric motioned to approve the minutes from the May meeting. Chris seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

**VII. Finances:** No expenses or income to report. We did receive a clarification from the town office about our approved budget amount for 2018-19 was \$2,300. We are still working to reconcile the numbers with our accounting and that of the town regarding our current budget. Our records indicate a balance of \$1,346 for the 2018-19 budget. The selectboard also voted that our account (and previous years rollover account) can rollover again to the next fiscal year. The shed purchase and return still needs to be clarified in our bookkeeping with the town office.

### **VIII. Old Business:**

**Birth to 5 Playgroup:** Playgroup still going well. Less well attended than the Open Gym playgroup over the winter and spring. Summer is a busy season for events, so we suspect that most of the attendance drop is due to busy families. We had a discussion of the logistics of holding one playgroup at Fort Dummer SP. Wendy will email Tadj the contact information for Rob at the park who should be able to help with logistics. We'd like to keep the entrance free for participating families. We will likely go on a nature walk that week, but Tadj will scout out the best place to hold the playgroup.

**Bill Koch Nordic Ski Project:** Jake Dixon was absent and could not give us a full update. The one major update was that the outstanding nordic ski package was returned!

**Fort Dummer:** Free Day Use Pass Program initiated. Guilford residents can now go to the town office to pick up Day Use passes. Residents only need a proof of residency to receive free pass. Fifty passes are available at present, and the town has allotted \$300 for 100 visits.

### **Playscape:**

-We were approved for a RiseVT Grant to build raised garden beds and a water pump from the stream. Wendy and Eric are working to price out the material needed to build the water pump and the garden beds.

-Vermont Recreation Facilities Grant: Wendy got three bids for the construction of a handicapped access loop and parking area excavation. These bids were from Vermont Roadworks (\$5,890), MT3 (\$11,530), and Bernie LaRock (\$6,755). We individually read the plans and assessed them for both value and how well the plan details matched our needs. Chris moved that we accept the bid from LaRock. Eric Seconded the motion. Vote was 3 to 1 for LaRock, and the motion was approved.

-Work Party: Sunday, June 16, 2019 from 9-11:00. We plan to construct the split rail fence, move the mulch pile, and remove more invasive plants.

- Split Rail Fence: Eric and Wendy priced out the new split rail fencing for the playscape, and inquired whether we'd rather have a pressure treated or a locust fence, the locust fence being slightly more money than we previously voted on. We all agreed we'd rather have the locust fencing. Verandah moved that we spent \$200 on the fencing instead of \$150. Eric seconds the motion and we unanimously approved the motion.

**Select Board Meeting:** Recreation Commission Report: Monday, June 24th- 6:30. Wendy and Eric are planning to attend and present our report.

**Planning Commission Handbook discussion:** Tadj and Verandah updated us that the planning commission doesn't seem to be focusing on this project yet. They are busy with the town plan. We will leave this item off the agenda until they have time to work on this project again.

#### **VIII. New Business:**

**Recognizing Jake Dixon's Husband:** We had a discussion of how we could recognize Jake's late husband as a commission. Chris will be in charge of this project.

#### **Community Picnic, Planning: July 27, 2019- at the Playscape**

We had a discussion about the details of this picnic:

Time: mid-day, 11-1

Food: We thought we would keep the picnic simple, as we do not have a grill at the playscape. We will provide sandwich fixings, water and lemonade, and service items. We will invite other commissioners and community members to bring potluck items. We will request the use of folding tables from the school again.

Activities: Giant slingshot, cornhole, toys from playgroup, etc. There's a possibility for life-size foze-ball as well.

**X. Adjournment:** 8:05