

## **Recreation Commission Minutes for November 19<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

**Location: Brentwood Town Offices (Recorded for the Public)**



### **Present**

Jason Gagnon (Program Coordinator)

Julie Velevis – Remote (Chair)

Jim McIntyre (Vice Chair)

Andy Artimovich – In Place of Bob Mantegari (Selectboard Representative)

Joseph Tammik (Member)

Ryan Trout (Member)

Laura Hajjar (Member)

Jody Phillips (Alternate)

The Recreation Commission meets to review and discuss past, present and future events and programs.

McIntyre called the meeting to order at 6:37 pm, seconded by Tammik, all were in favor. The meeting was held at the Brentwood Town Offices and was recorded for the public.

### **Group Discussion (The public can join for questions of the Recreation Commission)**

- Tammik motioned to allow Velevis to attend the meeting remotely, seconded by McIntyre, all were in favor.
- Minutes – Everyone who attended the November 19<sup>th</sup> meeting signed the November 19<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes.
  - Hajjar motioned to accept the minutes from the November 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. Tammik seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- Gagnon updated the board that a new Recreation Director was hired. Nick Lawrence will begin on January 5<sup>th</sup> as Brentwood Recreation's new Recreation Director.
- McIntyre motioned to approach the Selectboard with a request to award Gagnon a \$500 bonus coming from the Revolving Account. Tammik seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- The board discussed changes that were needed to be made to the Recreation Commission Bylaws. After determining there were too many changes that need to be made, the board made a committee with Velevis, Hajjar and Gagnon to rework the bylaws and bring them to the commission at a later meeting.
- Gagnon updated the commission about the furnace replacement. The heating has been installed but due to the snow, Rick Wenzel Oil was unable to install the air conditioning and will return later to install the air conditioning.

- McIntyre had to leave so Tammik motioned to allow Phillips to join the table as a voting member for the meeting. Hajjar seconded the motion and all were in favor.
- The board discussed the plans to use excess funds in the Recreation Budget.
  - Hajjar motioned to approve the use of up to \$4,000 from the Recreation Budget to be used towards sports equipment and chair cushions. Tammik seconded the motion, all were in favor.
- 2026 Projects were tabled until January when the new Recreation Director starts.
- Gagnon updated the board about initiating collaboration with the University of New Hampshire to bring interns to the department.
- Gagnon updated the board regarding the Craft Fair as requested by Hajjar. The event went very well with no bad feedback. Initial steps for 2026 have begun and will pick up in late spring and early summer.
- Gagnon brought the current field rates to the commission to discuss changes that may need to be made to reflect the usage by renters.
  - The commission decided to table this conversation until January.

**New Business – Anything else to be discussed?**

- Gagnon notified the board that the Recreation Office will be closed from December 24<sup>th</sup> – January 4<sup>th</sup>. The office will reopen after the holidays on January 5<sup>th</sup>.
  - Gagnon will also be away for a conference during January 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Artimovich updated the commission that the rec budget for 2026 was slightly increased to accommodate the new director's salary and approved at the last Selectboard meeting.
- Hajjar inquired about the status of the Ice Rink. The rink needs to be cleaned up from the latest snow storm and once that was completed, the rink could be filled up.

Next Meeting – January 28th, 2025

Meeting End Time: Velevis motioned to end at 7:48 pm, Tammik seconded. All were in favor.