Recreation Committee meeting

July 17, 2018

5:00 Center Office Building

2nd Floor Conference Room

**In attendance:** Matt Johnson (MJ), Erin Carson (EC), Dan Thompson (DT), Kadion Phillips (KP), Annie Roscioli (AR)

Mary Lou Volpe (MV) was absent.

**Approval of Minutes**

EC made motion to open meeting at 5:07. MJ seconded. Vote 4-0.

•The Selectmen voted to authorize the Town Administrator to investigate and report back to the Board of Selectmen and Recreation Committee regarding the LEGAL feasibility of modifying the use of the Shepard Parcel with the intent of placing an Article on our next Town Meeting Warrant (requested by the end of July). AR explained at the time, open space at the time the article was written only pertained to passive recreation so this does not seem to be a viable option.

•Board of Selectmen also voted to have Town Administrator, DPW, and Rec to begin to get quotes for a peer review and soil borings for the field project. AR is meeting with Greg Morse from DPW as he thinks the cost for the ledge would be less than 800K as proposed from Waterfield.

•Town Resident Rocco Marini requests to speak to committee regarding dog park in town. AR will reach out to Longmeadow to find out what is involved, she will take to Leon about liability and then if it is feasible, we will create a subcommittee to create a plan to bring to the town.

•Bob Verschure requests to remove old backboard from the back boards from the Rec Area for the committee, if they are going to be utilized or put on the new courts. The committee believes they should be put up -  AR will reach out to DPW.

•Summer Rec program waiver request form - AR will bring to the next meeting

•Pickleball in town, request to have town league with formally reserved court times (Bob, Lisa and Bob represented the pickleball league and were in attendance). Bob and Carol VerSchure from 104 S. Shore Drive and Robert Stowe representing the USAPA joined the meeting. Carol showed the picture of how much tape has to be laid down and removed after each session. This takes about 30 minutes. KP made a motion to paint the lines for pickleball if funds are available. Seconded by EC. Vote 4-0. AR will get a quote and try to get if funded through betterment if possible.

•Summer Program events

•Trip to Norcross Wildlife, August 1st (30 spots available, first come first serve. Sign ups will be run through program coordinator during program hours)

•Horizon Wings Bird Show, August 8th - Cost: $300 with 4 birds, or $375 with 4 birds and 2 eagles. DT made motion to approve $375 for . MJ seconded. Vote 4-0.

•Lighting at Town Barn baseball field - DT made the motion to request from CPC to SLL for lighting Town Barn for no more than $160K. Seconded EC. Vote 4-0.

•Property use - no property use forms.

•KP mentioned he would not support bringing the Town Barn project in the current form back to the town. He proposed converting the current multipurpose field to turf so there is less maintenance and could be used longer. The board asked AR to look further in what would be needed to get a proposal to upgrade the field and put in additional parking at Town Barn.

EC made motion to adjourn meeting at 6:09. Seconded by KP. Vote 4-0.

Proposed next meeting 8/14 at 4:30.