**Recreation Committee  
May 20, 2019  
4:00PM, Center Office Building/ 2nd Floor Conference Room**

**Members in attendance**: Erin Carson (EC), Mary Lou Volpe (MV), Dan Thompson (DT), Kadion Phillips (KP), Cindy Forgit (CF), Annie Roscioli (AR)

**Members Absent**:

**Others in Attendance:**

Kadion Philips arrived at 4:13 PM

**OPENING OF MEETING**: MV made motion to open meeting at 4:01 PM. EC seconded. Vote 4-0.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

4/29/19- DT made a motion to receive minutes as written. Seconded by EC Vote 4-0.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Update from DPW regarding Courts at Cedar Lake, follow up from site visit by Project Manager regarding rust spots.** AR stated that in addition to project manager coming to the site, the Super came out as well. DPW has been actively working on this issue and has asked Town Administrator to pull the performance bond.
2. Requests from Sturbridge Pickleball Players.
   1. MV made a motion to allow pickle ball to place a chained and locked storage unit outside of the Cedar Lake Courts. DT seconded. Vote 4-0.
   2. Request for league, AR explained pickleball was looking to form a formal league to be run through the town. AR suggested circling back to this in a year or so due to surface issues at existing courts. EC stated that they did decide to put in lines to remove the need for reserved times. MV asked to the parties in attendence how they felt about the leagues and if they needed it. KP said

DT stated he would be in favor of postponing this discussion to the spring pending condition of the courts and to see if the overall need changes. Brian Friedmann voiced his concerns with the amount their league has grown, and how they would benefit from more organized times as they’ve gone from 20 to 65+. Additional pickleball players asked questions about court usage as it’s public usage, KP and AR verified it is standard public usage and to respect and share. A Pickleball player asked what it would take to get the additional tennis court to have added lines. DT stated that he wouldn’t be able to make a decision at this time as we don’t know what to expect with future field plans. A pickleball player requested that if the courts do get resurfaced to please consider lining both courts for Pickleball. EC stated she would love for everyone to have their needs met and the committee is very interested in having recreation grow for the community and urged everyone to attend Town Meetings. MV asked for support as they make do with what we have for exisiting ammenities.

1. Update on Rec Pavilion. Scheduled work has not been completed, looking for quotes from new companies.
2. **Hydroraking at Cedar Rec Area**. AR stated that the hydroraking to be done at Cedar Rec Area through Betterment be postponed to Spring 2020. This would help to avoide closing the public beach during the hottest time of the summer (3-4 days) and would maximize the benefits of the service.
3. **Concerts on the Common, committee schedule.**
4. **ATM June 3rd, 2019.** AR advised the committee to begin passing out informational flyers at sport games and other related events.
5. **EC requested to have noted the conditon of the common with the added seeding and hay and how terrible it looks for events that have been scheduled.**
6. EC requested for all future volunteers to schedule printing time with the Rec Dept or have the director prepare their printing for them.

**Old Business**

**1. Letter received as a residental complaint by M. Caron in regards to Tennis Courts**. DT aknowledged the letter. DT spoke to Kathy Neal about her email to the department and her tennis concerns. Kathy said she isn’t oppossed to pickleball but our other courts in town are in poor condition. Kathy said she would prefer for the pickleball players to have reserved times. EC stated she doesn’t think that would solve the overall problem, and each group is making a sacrifice to serve our community in the best day.

**PROPERTY USAGE REQUESTS**

**1. Town Common, June 6, 2019 6:00-9:00PM**. Requested by Joshua Hyde Library (Moon + Stars Jazz Concert). MV made motion to approve. DT seconded Vote 3-0.

**2. Town Common, July.** Requested by Joshua Hyde Library (Tim Kane Drum Circle). MV made a motion to approve. DT seconded Vote 3-0.

**ADJOURNMENT:** EC made motion to adjourn meeting at 5:06. Seconded by MV. Vote 3-0.  
  
**Tentative Next Meeting:** Tuesday June 11th, 2019 4:00 PM.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Annie Roscioli**

**Recreation Director**