

Recreation Committee
July 7, 2020
4:00PM, Virtual Meeting

Members in attendance: MaryLou Volpe (MV), Erin Carson (EC), Kadion Phillips (KP), Cindy Forgit (CF), Jeff Shapiro (JS), Annie Roscioli (AR)

Members Absent:

Others in Attendance: Jeff Bridges, Town Administrator

OPENING OF MEETING: EC made motion to open meeting at 4:03 PM. Seconded by CF.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES 6-9-20, 6-24-20

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Update on Youth Educational Programs-** AR shared that baseball and softball may now have games, but tournaments are not permitted at this time. Closer contact sports such as soccer and basketball are considered high risk and may only partake in non contact drills and exercises. This includes lacross and football. AR confirmed she has reviewed the most updated guidelines with the Health Department.
 - a. **KP made a motion to allow both Softball and Baseball to begin games, seconded by CF. Vote 4-0.**
2. **Concerts on the Common- Review Update and Guidance if received.** AR confirmed that information on outdoor and performance venues has been released, and holds a maximum attendance capacity of 100 people. AR clarified that the total of 100 people includes all band members and staff. AR stated that she spoke with Board of Health and Chief of Police to verify if they had any immediate concerns on the concerts. AR explained the regulations such as 6 feet apart for band members, but 15 feet apart for singers. AR shared that she did go to the Town Common and mark out 100 individual seats, 10 feet apart and we had more than 100 seats available within the fencing already placed by the Farmers Market. AR said there are still major concerns, first being that Board of Health and Police Department were very clear that Recreation should understand the level of liability and enforcement that they would be taking on, to host the concerts. AR questioned how we will count and monitor those entering the event, as our target audience is typically 250 people. Additionally, some of the bands scheduled are much larger size which takes away from the audience allotment. AR expressed concerned over meeting 100 new people every week, and the need for a organized plan by the Committee for an enforcement schedule. CF questioned how the committee would police the attendance levels and if at person number 101, we have to turn them away from the event. AR verified that is exactly how it would go, plus we need to make sure that the individuals are actually leaving the event and not lingering at the back of the common and roadways. CF asked if we are also responsible for enforcing masks, and AR verified that yes we are responsible for enforcing masks at all times until the individual is seated. CF asked how many volunteers we need per concert to help with seating, enforcement, counting, etc. AR stated we will need one person at the entrance, and one at the exit. Then we need help monitoring the entire perimeter of the Common, in addition to clearing the roadways and working/set up with the bands. JS asked how many police officers we have per concert and if they are included in the count to 100. AR verified we only have the police detail who monitors the cross walk, and that the Police Department will not be involved in enforcement at all. JS asked how the line works for the farmers market, and if we are allowed to add more people in the event once others have left. AR stated that the FM is permitted to allow attendees to form a socially distanced line, however this does not apply to our event as once they are on the property waiting to attend the event, they are counted towards our maximum number. The FM has different guidelines as it was deemed an essential service. AR confirmed that the Health Dept will allow the event, it is not recommended, and the maximum attendance of 100 must be firm. The Health Dept did verify that people listening from their cars do not need to be counted, but must be counted once exiting the car. EC stated that while she is supportive of the event, she has some major concerns as we do not have the staffing for enforcement. EC stated that if we can make it safe, she is supportive, but we need more than one staff member and the Committee volunteers. MV asked if we can utilize any of the Rec seasonal staff. AR stated she could certainly ask the staff, but if they were recently determined as too young for the Town Door Keeping position, then is it appropriate to ask them to staff this event. JS also shared his concerns on monitoring and regulating the event. MV asked if we can only cancel the July concerts at this time and rediscuss the August concerts as the next phase comes. EC asked Town Administrator JB on his thoughts for this event. JB agreed with AR on enforcement being a large issue, where we need staff for entry but most importantly outside the perimeter and managing that population.
 - a. **MV made a motion to cancel the July concerts and reconvene for August concerts, seconded by JS. Vote 5-0.**

PROPERTY USAGE REQUESTS

ADJOURNMENT: EC made motion to adjourn meeting at 4:32 PM. Seconded by MV. Vote 5-0.

Tentative Next Meeting: July 28, 2020 at 4:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Annie Roscioli

Recreation Director