

**Recreation Committee**  
**December 15, 2020**  
**4:00PM, Virtual Meeting**

**Members in attendance:** Cindy Forgit (CF), Kadion Phillips (KP), Jeff Shapiro (JS), Annie Roscioli (AR)

**Members Absent:** MaryLou Volpe, Erin Carson

**Others in Attendance:** Jeff Bridges Town Administrator

**OPENING OF MEETING:** Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting law, G.L. c. 30A Section 18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Sturbridge Recreation Committee will be conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible. Specific information and the general guidelines for remote participation can be found on the Town's website at <https://www.sturbridge.gov/town-administrator/pages/how-access-virtual-meeting>. For this meeting, members of the public who wish to listen and or watch the meeting either online via the Town's on demand video broadcast, on cable television on channel 191, or dial into the meeting at 774-304-1455, enter 1428# for the meeting number and 12345 for the access code. (This phone number is only active for the public during public meetings). No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, but every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings in real time, via technological means. In the event that we are unable to do so, despite best efforts, we will post of the Town's website an audio or video recording, transcript, or other comprehensive record of the proceedings as soon as possible after the meeting.

The meeting was opened at 4:00 PM.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES 11-24-20 tabled to next meeting.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Update on Light Up Sturbridge.** AR provided the Committee with an update on Light Up Sturbridge, with 62 registered participants and 337 votes currently in. CF stated she thought that was a great turn out, JS agreed. AR reminded the Committee that there was still one final weekend of voting and viewing ahead, as the contest had been extended to three weeks total due to storm and power outages.
2. **Review Betterment and Capital Project Requests.** AR reviewed the list of FY22 Betterment Requests that was provided to the Committee before the meeting. AR stated the requests are a combination of annual requests and several additional new ones. FY22 may have funding reductions due to covid-19 impacts, but AR hopes that non annual requests may still be funded as they have a much lower total cost than the prior fiscal year. Betterment requests included Town Common Concert Series, Water Treatment at Cedar Rec, Town Common Holiday Decorations, Town Building Holiday Decorations, Flowers for Town Planters, Players Benches for Turners Field, Turners Field Infield Rehab (partially funded by Laid Back Competitive Baseball League), and Kayak Stand for Cedar Rec. **KP made a motion to accept the FY22 Betterment Items as presented, seconded by JS. Vote 3-0.**
3. **Recreation Department Budget FY22.** AR reviewed the FY22 budget and stated there are very minor increases requested; Summer Rec Wages, Plumbing for Recreation Area, Lawn Care Program (increase fall treatments). Jeff Bridges asked how many hours the Director's salary requested, AR stated the salary request would be at the current 35 hours, but that portion was not completed on the budget sheet as we wait for the compensation study review. **JS made a motion to accept the FY22 Budget, seconded by KP. Vote 3-0.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**PROPERTY USAGE REQUESTS.**

Property Usage Reservations remain closed at this time to all external organizations.

**ADJOURNMENT:** JS made motion to adjourn meeting at 4:24 PM. Seconded by CF. Vote 3-0.

**Tentative Next Meeting:** TBD pending 60 Cedar St Discussions

**Respectfully submitted,**  
**Annie Roscioli**  
**Recreation Director**