

**Town of Milton, Vermont
Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes**

Wed, February 12, 2020

Town Manager's Conference Room Milton Municipal Building
43 Bombardier Rd.
Milton, VT 05468

1. Attendance:

- Staff: Kym Duchesneau, Recreation Director; Ben Nappi, Assistant Recreation Director
- Recreation Commission: John Lindsay, Chair; Sharon Radtke, Vice Chair; Wayne Peters and Renee Berteau

2. Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Lindsay at 5:06pm

3. Amendments to Agenda: None

4. Public Forum: None

5. Approval of Previous Minutes: Minutes approved. Lindsay motioned, Radtke seconded. All in favor.

6. Recreation Department Report:

- Winter & Spring Programs and Events – recap & upcoming
 - Tai Chi, Zumba/Zumba Gold, and Beginners Yoga are all doing well. All adult programs are filling up including Intro to Sourdough Baking and Landfill Composting. Kids, after-school programs, are not filling up as well so we need to try determine why these are not of interest to families.
 - Ice Out Tickets: Are being sold online, at events (Winter Festival) and at Freys and have sold 150-200. Volunteer Randy Barrows is keeping watch over the flagged block in Currans Pond.
- Spring & Summer Programs, Events, Camps, Music in the Park
 - Annual Youth Sports Organization Meeting will take place on March 23 at 6pm to discuss and plan for 2020 season.
 - Egg Hunt: Sat, April 11th. More details to follow at next month's meeting.
 - Summer Camp registration will be available online beginning on February 14, 2020. Will be advertising for summer camp counselors since only one of three may return.
 - Park Spruce Up Day: Sat, April 18th from 9am – Noon. More details to follow.
 - Music in the Park Series: Will take place each Tuesday evening beginning June 16 through August 18. Matt Mullen will sponsor the Series again this year, contributing \$1200 to help defray costs of Bands. Mullen will be the food vendor at these concerts and will provide yard games and picnic tables. \$1000 of the Recreation Budget will be used toward the performances. Performers will include Starline Rhythm Boys; Hitmen; Lebowski Trio; Buck Hollers; Milton Community Band; Insider and hopefully the VT 40th Army Band..
 - Fourth of July celebration will focus on Parade (organized by Milton Firefighters' Association) and post-Parade community picnic, DJ, food vendors and fireworks organized by Milton Recreation and Town Manager's Office. Town Manager Don Turner is securing a fireworks vendor.
- Milton Recreation Master Plan Update:
 - Master Plan was accepted and adopted by the Milton Selectboard on Tue, Jan. 22. Completed Master Plan document was shared with the Recreation Commission for all to see. Duchesneau will email digital copies to Recreation Commissioners. The final document is on the Town website. Recreation Staff and Commission will work on reviewing and prioritizing projects at future meetings.
- Construction in Milton Municipal Building:
 - Scheduled to be completed by Town Meeting Day (March 3rd). Converting some of the hallway space into general office space for Planning, Zoning, and Public Works to share plus relocating Finance and Assessors offices. Also renovating restrooms and adding a private lactation room.

- Bombardier Property and Hourglass/Town Green Advisory Committees:
 - Representatives from these two Committees presented respective recommendations to the Milton Selectboard on February 3. The Selectboard refer to these recommendations when considering the use of these properties in the future.
- Park Projects and Updates:
 - To be discussed at the March 11, 2020 Recreation meeting.
- Other Recreation Department Business: None

7. Recreation Commission Report:

- Winter Festival (Fri-Sun, Feb. 7 – 9), 2020 – recap and debrief
 - The Friday scheduled Party in the Park was moved to Sunday afternoon from 4:30 – 6pm due to a major snowstorm on Friday. Attendance was good (300 people) and featured DJ Rob Spaulding, a bon fire, pizza, hot cocoa, s'mores and fireworks by Michael Boisjoli at 6pm. This attracted a younger crowd than Friday night events typically attract.
 - Saturday morning's Celebrity Breakfast had about 200 people attend and featured Celebrity Servers, live music, and Big Blue Trunk. We sent over a couple platters of food to the Fire Station to feed firefighters who had been up all night fighting a fire on Main Street.
 - Saturday afternoon featured snowshoeing with the Conservation Commission at the Town Forest and sledding at Sharp Park on Cobble Hill Road
 - Sunday's events were held from 12-2pm in Bombardier Park West. Milton Library Chili Cook-off in Fieldhouse, Sled Dogs, Horse Drawn Wagon Rides, Laser Tag, Olaf in costume, hot cocoa and more. Attendance was 300+. Kudos to Duchesneau who raised \$5053.91 in donations for the Winter Festival. Additionally, \$191 was raised in donations throughout the event weekend. The Friends of the Milton Public Library liked being in the Fieldhouse for the Chili Cook-off.
- Other Recreation Commission Business - None

8. Next Meeting:

- Wed, March 11, 2020 at 5pm in the Milton Town Manager's Conference Room

9. Motion to Adjourn: Radtke moved to adjourn; seconded by Peters. Meeting adjourned at 6:00pm

Respectfully,

John Lindsay, Chair
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