

MINUTES OF RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE ROOM

Wednesday, August 10, 2016- 4:00 P.M.

Committee Members Present: Councilor Martin Pepin, Chair
Councilor Martin P. Dumont, Sr. Vice-Chair
Councilor Nancie Cameron

Administration/staff present: City Manager Bob Belmore
Recreation Supervisor Kristen Ducharme
Deputy City Clerk Elise B. Brelis

Chairman Pepin called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

Councilor Dumont, seconded by Councilor Cameron, made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 6, 2016 meeting. The motion passed, 3-0.

LIBERTY DONATION OF \$1,000

City Manager Belmore reported that Liberty Mutual donated \$1,000 as part of their earlier volunteer event when they helped at the Mast Point Dam Recreation area. The Recreation Department suggested using the money to add a new kiosk/message/map center with that donation. The committee looked at an example of the proposed center and the consensus of the committee was to move forward.

FLAGPOLE FOR NOBLE PINES

David Witham was present at this meeting as President of Somersworth Babe Ruth Baseball. He shared that the Somersworth American Legion Post 69 had offered to continue its help in improving the Noble Pines Ball Field with a donation toward a new flagpole. Mr. Witham said that the estimated cost to erect the pole would be about \$2,500. He shared photos showing the proposed location of the new pole. The ropes will be concealed to deter vandalism. It will be approximately 35' tall. The Committee gave its blessing to this endeavor. Mr. Witham thanked the committee.

NOBLE PINES SECURITY CAMERAS

The committee discussed the cameras that are currently in the Noble Pines Park, the impact that they have had on vandalism and requested consideration of additional camera coverage. After discussing particulars, the committee gave its blessing.

PORTA POTTIES IN CITY PARKS

City Manager Belmore reported on the research they had done on installing porto-potties in three city parks: Willand Pond, Mast Point Dam and Noble Pines. The estimate is \$1,480. Kristen said that they chose these parks based on usage and are recommending Sebastian Septic. Councilor Witham thinks that baseball can also use Sebastian during their sports season. Councilor Pepin does not want to see other budget items affected by this. The City Manager said it is not his intention for that to happen. Councilor Pepin is comfortable with it. Councilor Witham thinks it could be a good pilot. Councilor Dumont thinks it is a great starting point. He also thinks they should advertise these parks to the public; he thinks the parks are good for a city of our size. Councilor Witham thinks the effort and the money shows. Councilor Dumont said, "Nice job, Kristen!"

MISCELLANEOUS

None.

ADJOURNMENT.

Councilor Dumont moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilor Cameron and passed 3-0. The meeting adjourned at 4:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elise B. Brelis, Deputy City Clerk