

Belmont Recreation Commission Meeting

Minutes

Monday, December 3, 2018

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In Attendance: Anthony Ferrante, Marsha Samuels, Kimberly Haley-Jackson, Anne Helgen, Mary Bradley, Ann Beré, June Howell, Jay Marcotte, Chris Costello, Jon Marshall, Courtney Eldridge, Franklin Tucker, Jessica Porter, Heidi Barberio

Town Field Project (Courtney Eldridge)

- Original concept was to upgrade only the playground equipment but after consulting with DPW it was determined that other areas such as the pickleball and basketball courts and the benches were in need of replacement.
- Separate playground areas. One for 2 – 5 year olds and another for 5 – 12 year olds.
- Partial funding this fiscal year and part next fiscal year
- Would like a letter from Commission that we are in favor. Approved. Anthony will draft a letter of support to present to the CPC Committee

Jon Marshall, Candidate for Assistant Town Administrator

- Commission members asked Jon questions regarding how he would handle different things for Recreation (generate revenue, plan new programming, etc.)
- Also questioned about how the different towns he worked for did programming and how they handled different things (ie duplicating programs with adult education, relationship with school dept., etc.)

Sad news. Ernie D'Agnelli, who worked at the Rec Department for many, many years, passed away suddenly on Saturday, December 1. Ernie was a mentor and role model to many of the children who went through programs, worked the summer programs, open gym nights, etc. He was the grill master at the pool openings and cooked many, many hot dogs!! He has been missed in the office since his retirement, but this is a tragic loss for the entire Town. He will be remembered always.

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- Minutes from November 5<sup>th</sup> approved.

New Meeting Dates 2019

- New Day – Tuesday

- New Time – 5:30 PM
- January 8, 2019
- February 12, 2019
- March 12, 2019

#### New Items

- Request for Skating Rink reduced rate – Pete Noone would like to have the skating rink at no cost in order to have a clinic for Belmont hockey kids, with the proceeds to go a sled hockey organization. One of the hockey coaches has a disabled son who plays on a new sled hockey team. The Board voted to approve this request.
- Defibrillators in Town Parks –Would like to be 1<sup>st</sup> town in state to have Defibrillator in every town park. Starting with 5 Parks (Grove, Payson, Pequosette, Winn Brook, Town Field). Initial cost estimate is \$10,000 minimum. Belmont Soccer Association has donated that amount to fund this project. The defibrillators will be mounted on the back of message boards at each of those fields. Storage containers need electricity to keep them cool in the summer. Working together with Fire, DPW and Belmont Light, we are hoping for a spring 2019 completion date.

#### Ongoing Items

- Rink Update - The group would like Rink to be beside High school Harris Field. The new rink will have a full rink and half rink and an exercise room for players. Public/Private partnership, with the rink reverting back to town when debt is paid off. Kathy Jones is our liaison but no one will answer emails from her.
- CPC Projects- Payson Park has support from neighbors. There are questions about what was sent to the CPC. Vote deferred until next meeting.
- Financial – will talk about fees for next year at meeting on Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM. This meeting is strictly about fees.