

Belmont Recreation Commission

January 28, 2008

Present: Dan MacAuley, June Howell, Dennis Rocha, Peter Pomponi, Stephanie King, Lee Slap, Noreen Millane, Bill McKenney, Neal Fay, Betsy Lipson

By invitation:

The meeting began at 7:00 p.m.

1. Program Report

The ski program has 233 children enrolled, down 15 skiers from FY 07. The program runs for five nights (Saturdays) and has been running smoothly. Transportation costs continue to be higher than in previous years but the program is operating with one less bus than last year. The programs at Vigliolo rink are going well. The recreation department will evaluate opportunities to rent ice should the high school teams not qualify for the state tournament. The Dolphins swim team is enjoying another successful season. Flag football is a new offering planned for spring as well as in the summer. SPORT hosted a well-attended holiday party.

2. Projects

There are currently no projects while department budgets are reviewed.

3. Financial

a. Revenue through December 2007

The recreation department has made some gains in their deficit as reported in December (Jul 1-Nov 30, 2007). Total revenues are \$260,000 to date.

b. FY09 Budget Meeting Information

The department director met with the town's selectmen and Warrant Committee on January 26 to review the department budget for FY 2009. The budget has not been determined.

Projects, and their feasibility, are tied to this process and include updates at Underwood pool and tennis courts.

4. Administrative

a. Discussion of private swim lessons

It was brought to the commission's attention that a policy was necessary for private swim lessons, primarily offered at the Higginbottom pool.

MOTION: To adopt a new policy whereas all instructors giving private lessons (both individual and small group, up to 3) must be

employees of the recreation department. Such employees will be paid for these lessons by the recreation department and covered by town insurance policies as a result. Participants in the private swim lessons will pay the recreation department and no longer pay the instructor directly. The lessons will be sold in groups of four or eight. The price will be dependent on the number of participants in the lesson but the guidelines are: one swimmer for thirty minutes - \$30, two swimmers for thirty minutes - \$45, three swimmers for thirty minutes - \$55.

VOTE: passed unanimously

The recreation department will implement this new policy immediately.

b. Acceptance of the December 3, 2007 minutes

The minutes were accepted as presented.

5. Miscellaneous

The recreation commission will be conducting an audit of current programs at the Vigliolo skating rink for school year 2008-2009. This will include programs, management, membership offerings and collection of fees for day passes.

Additionally, a planned audit of local recreation department brochures will take place in spring 2008.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

The next meeting is Monday, March 3 at 7:00 p.m.