



Recreation Commission

Town of Hinesburg
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Meeting Minutes – January 12, 2021

Meeting Held via Zoom

Members Present: Tom Giroux, Henry Moreno, Rodney Putnam, Mike Webb

Members Absent: Frank Twarog

Also Present: Jen McCuin, Liam Powers

1. **Call to Order** - 7:15 p.m.
2. **Public Comment** – None
3. **Additions / Deletions** - Liam Powers joins meeting this evening. He has two elementary-aged sons and is interested in attending some Recreation Commission meetings to see how to be involved.
4. **Ice Rink Status** - Jen reports on meeting with Rocky to go over lighting options. Rocky created a sketch plan, cost of materials list, and forecast of approximately 3-days of work to put together overhead lights. A significant challenge is running a line or cord from Police Dept. to rink. One safety issue is when people walk across the area to access the Futures Energy Building (north of P.D.). Ultimately, the cost and labor hours for approximately 5-6 more weeks of skating seems high when town departments are being urged not to spend any money unless necessary. Jen reports the rink is being used during the day when kids are not in school, after school, and fully on weekends, plus some people park on Farmall parking area and shine their headlights for extended skating. She also reminds that we may wish to work on a larger surface for next year, along with having more time to research the best method for power and lighting for the area. Members agree not to proceed with lighting for this season. Liam offers to look at area and help assist with a power source or option for future lighting/power.
5. **Public Space with “Return to Wetlands” Parcels** - Chair Frank Twarog is not present tonight so this item is tabled.

6. **Rec. Coordinator's Report** - Jen confirms work on Spring / Summer activities such a driver education, horseback riding, golf, dog obedience class, and spring sports (tball, lacrosse, mini soccer) outdoor concerts in the park, etc. which are all based on current State of Vermont recommendations. Currently serving on the hiring committee for the new town administrator or town manager. Explains that hopefully voters will approve a town manager form of government in Hinesburg on March 2nd. Mike Webb asks for clarification on the difference. Jen explains, but also refers everyone to the town website for a presentation done by resident and former Town Manager of Colchester, Dawn Francis. It is important for people to understand that our current T-A model has contributed to an average of 3 years stay at the position for the past 16 years. She urges people to view the presentation and understand why it's so important to approve a T-M form of government in Hinesburg in March.
7. **Commission Forum** – Non-action items. None.
8. **Next meeting** is February 9, 2021 at 7 p.m. via Zoom.
9. **Adjourn** at 7:50 p.m. Had to restart meeting because 40-minute Zoom allotment ended.

Finished meeting with Henry, Tom, and Mike.