

Recreation Board Agenda November 14, 2016 7:00 pm

Location: Newton School Library

In attendance: Rec Board Members: Dave Taplin, Ellen Bagnato, Meg Albee

Select Board Member: John Freitag, SAA Member: Tom Scull

- 1) Minutes from Sept 6 meeting approved.
- 2) After discussing anticipated recreation board projects for 2017, the recreation board voted to level-fund the budget for 2017. This would result in a budget of \$2700.00 (excluding mowing fees).
- 3) The recreation board agreed to post an update on the tennis court construction to the list serve.
- 4) The recreation board voted to request a change in the name of the Tennis Court Reserve Fund to a Recreational Reserve Fund.
- 5) Key pieces of information were not available regarding preparation of the ice rink. John will follow up with the necessary persons regarding the preparation and maintenance of the ice rink for the winter of 2016-17. Additionally, it was suggested that the recreation board work with the maintenance team to host skating nights through the winter. It would be ideal to have these events advertised on the list serve and have lights at the rink.
- 6) Hilary Linehan and John Freitag will be present at the red barn in South Strafford from 9:00 am -11:00 am on 12/3. Strafford families who would like assistance in picking out and sizing outdoor equipment are encouraged to stop by to get outfitted. Please note that this is the same date as the Strafford Craft Sale in Barrett Hall.
- 7) The recreation board voted to host a bonfire and midnight run on the green in Strafford on December 31, 2016 at 11:30 pm. This event will support the town tradition of racing from the flagpole to the door of the townhouse beginning on the stroke of midnight. A debate ensued over if this has ever been accomplished before the clock stops chiming.
- 8) The board discussed that, in recent years, swimming lessons had not been offered at the town pond. In the past, these were hosted by The Lions Club. Further discussion of this issue was tabled until the spring recreation board meeting, when use of the town pond is clarified.

9) The recreation board approved formation of a study committee, led by Tom Scull, to explore the possibility of constructing a pizza oven with a shelter on the town land near or at Murray Field.

The next meeting of the recreation board is scheduled for January 9 at 7:00 pm at the Newton School Library.