

## Recreation Board Meeting Minutes

April 10, 2017

7:00 pm

Newton School Library

Attending: Ellen Bagnato, Scott Moore, David Taplin, John Freitag, Chrissy Coburn, Christa Wurm, Emily Girdwood

### Agenda:

1. Minutes from January meeting were approved.

2) Chrissy Coburn attended the meeting to share the history and practices behind summer swimming lessons in Strafford.

It was acknowledged that there is interest to have swimming lessons in natural bodies of water. However, due to a variety of logistical factors, swimming lessons will not be offered at the pond this year. The One Planet Summer Program is able to bring participating children to the Upper Valley Aquatics Center for swimming lessons for certain weeks of the summer.

3) Christa Wurm and Emily Girdwood (both parents certified educators) were present to share their desire to offer a one week Jedi Summer Camp for ages 6-11 in various Strafford locations.

Recreation board members cited that this activity falls within the mission of the Recreation Board and asked that John Freitag discuss this with the Select Board at their meeting on Wednesday, April 12 to clarify insurance concerns. Other possible sources of support were discussed.

4) The date for the tennis court grand opening was discussed and set for Saturday June 10 at 1:00 pm.

The event will include some brief remarks, ribbon cutting, cake and ice cream. We hope that the Strafford Community will join us for this momentous occasion.

5) Dave Taplin and John Freitag reported on plans for repairing the retaining wall at the red barn. We are hopeful that this can take place 6/19 – 6/23 so that it does not interfere with summer camps.

6) Discussion of construction of a pizza oven was tabled until the pizza oven study committee can provide more information.

7) The recreation board approved the purchase of 5-6 pallets of woodchips for the Preschool Playground. Discussion of the condition of the playstructures at the pre-school playground were also discussed.

Next Meeting Wednesday, June 7 at 7:00 pm at the tennis courts.