

Rec Committee Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2008

In Attendance: Damon Robbins, Dave Young, Todd Gibbons, Dave Miller, Rob Burns, David Pendell, David Baker, Mike Perrella, Bill Blackett, Rick Bourque

Meeting was held at the Pound School; started at 7:10pm, ended at 9:00pm

Elementary School: Dave Miller, school board member presented the committee with the proposed 2009-10 fiscal year school budget and warrant article details. The operating budget was presented as \$2,556,195. Mr. Miller informed the committee that if this budget proposal did not pass the default budget would be \$2,533,034 (which is the same as the previous year's budget). He informed the committee about the upcoming deliberative session to be held February 4, 2009 at 6:30pm at the EKES. This first session will consist of explanation, discussion, and debate of each school warrant article. Mr. Miller informed the committee that the second session of the annual meeting to vote on the warrant articles from the first session will be held on Tuesday, March 10, 2009. Mr. Miller encouraged the committee to attend both sessions, asked the committee's spreading the word about the sessions and answered some questions. There was no further call to action.

Basketball: There are approximately 60 kids who have signed-up to participate in the basketball program. Rob Burns informed the committee that there is a basketball tournament held in Seabrook, NH and suggested East Kingston participate in the tourney by entering some teams. It was suggested by Mr. Bourque that Mr. Burns have a separate meeting to discuss the logistics of the Seabrook Tournament and East Kingston's involvement (what age groups should be entered, how many teams to enter, team selection criteria, etc...). The Rec committee agreed to pay the entrance fee of the Seabrook Tournament from the Rec Department funds rather than asking the player's family to pay.

Mr. Burns also informed the committee that Kensington is interested in playing games against East Kingston. Mr. Burns is to follow-up with Kensington and will report back to the committee when/if games are scheduled.

Foss Wasson Renovation Project: This project is scheduled to break ground soon after this season has ended. Todd Gibbons suggested establishing a date as a target to break ground and the committee agreed to establish June 15, 2009 as the target. There is \$16,000 earmarked for this project with other funds available to be allocated from the town funded account depending on the level of overall budgetary funding approval. The BoS agreed in Oct '08 to allocate \$5,500 towards the Foss Wasson Renovation Project if their proposed town budget were approved. However, if the default town budget were to be approved then the \$5,500 would not be available to the rec dept. In that case, the rec committee discussed the possibility of holding additional fund raising events in 2009 to pay for the field improvements. It was also discussed that the EK Fire Association has approached Dick Marcella regarding the road next to Frills and Furebellows. It isn't known what the Fire Association interest is in the road, but Mr. Bourque agreed to contact Mr. Marcella to find out.

Baseball: Dave Baker reported that the skills clinic will start Sunday, Feb. 8th for ages 7-12. The skills sessions will run for five consecutive weeks (2/8, 2/15, 2,22, 3/1 & 3/8). Mr. Baker also indicated that evaluations of Farm and AAA players are scheduled for Sunday, March 15th. The registration forms will be due March 6th, giving the baseball coaches until March 15th to line up spreadsheets with most of the player names so that teams can be formed. Mr. Baker has scheduled a Diamond League meeting to discuss the upcoming season with Kingston and Fremont for January 28th. Notes from that meeting will be available separately.

Softball: no update.

Financial Update: Mr. Bourque reported that the Rec account balance was \$20,599.50 (\$16,000 of which is earmarked for the Foss Wasson Renovation Project). This leaves \$4,599 available to support the rec department activities. It is expected that a deposit in the neighborhood of \$1,500 (basketball registration fees) will be deposited soon, thus leaving over \$6,000 in this account.

Mr. Bourque also reported that the town account was funded with the default budget amount of \$4,000 on January 1, 2009.

Overall, the rec dept has roughly \$26,000; of which \$16,000 is earmarked for the Foss Wasson Renovation Project and has roughly \$10,000 funds available to support rec dept activities.

Oaths of Office: Mr. Bourque re-iterated the need for all rec committee members to sign their oath. Additionally, Mr. Bourque requested the names of people who are helping instruct basketball so that these folks helping basketball could sign a waiver allowing them to be officially recognized by the BoS as helping the rec dept. All those who haven't signed their oath were asked to do it asap.

Web Site: Mr. Bourque informed Mr. Young that the administrative user name / password combo was finally made available by our contact at the Web Page Depot. Mr. Bourque was to send Mr. Young the user name / password and content so that Mr. Young could update the rec web site. There was discussion about asking Julie Turner to support the web site for the rec dept. There was also discussion about adding a rec dept link to the existing town web site (<http://www.eastkingstonnh.org/>). Mr Bourque to follow-up on the linking possibility.

Rec Meeting Schedule: Mr. Bourque proposed the following rec committee meeting schedule for 2009 (all at the Pound School at 7pm):

Wed., 2/11
Wed., 3/11
Mon., 4/6
Mon., 5/4
Mon., 6/1
Mon., 7/13
Mon., 8/10
Mon., 9/21
Mon., 10/5
Mon., 11/2
Mon., 12/14

Other: Mr. Bourque informed the committee that this year will be his last as Chairmen and asked anyone interested in taking on the role to step forward asap to help in transition process.