

Bethel Recreation Committee

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 11, 2015

- A. Meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m.
- B. In attendance were Fran Staples, Lucien Hinkle, Dulce O'Hare, Abbie Sherman, and Ele Griffin.
- C. The Master Plan was discussed first. Abbie let the committee know that the town was not able to apply for the Land and Water Conservation Fund. There is not enough matching funds available. Abbie also shared a new revision from Vermont Integrated Architecture. Abbie and Town Manager Keith Arlund had met with Andrea from VIA. The committee had a lengthy discussion. Lucien shared some estimates that he worked out that would save us some money. His estimates came to \$635,000. He recommended that we eliminate one of the walkways. Members of the committee felt that the playground should not be put where it is in the new plan. We also discussed what could possibly be done by the town crew to save money. FEMA money is here. Thus tennis courts and parking lot could possibly be dug up at the end of summer so that the pool house renovations using FEMA money can be done in the Fall.
- D. Town Meeting: Ele offered to have a Recreation Committee table at Town Meeting. She will display on an easel updates of what the committee has accomplished in the past year. She will also ask for input about changing pool hours for next summer. Ele will also ask the Selectboard if the Recreation table can have a donation jar at Town Meeting for further donations.
- E. Next under discussion was a new schedule for the pool this coming summer. After looking at last year's attendance, it was felt that it best to extend pool hours on Mon., Wed., and Fri. nights. The new schedule would have the pool still open on Sat., but closed on Sun. If any group needed the pool open on Sunday, it could be open by appointment. The committee suggested that Allison and Theresa produce a schedule that could be presented to the Selectboard. Letters to previous Lifeguards have gone out to see who wishes to come back this year. Responses have been coming in. A good amount of Lifeguards are returning.
- F. With March being busy with Bethel University courses, the committee agreed to have our March meeting on March 4th instead of March 11th.
- G. Minutes from prior meeting were approved.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

Ele Griffin