

## Bethel Recreation Committee

### Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 8, 2015

- A. Meeting was called to order at 5:10 p.m.
- B. In attendance were Corey Stearns, Fran Staples, Ele Griffin, Allison Hull, Theresa Claughton, and Lisa Hill.
- C. Since the committee has been struggling with confusion over their function, Ele reported that she has been doing some research. Ele has talked to past committee members from years way back to more recent past committee members. She has also been going over and studying the minutes from meetings as far back as 2011. Her findings concluded that pool planning and programming had/has been the function of the Pool Director not the sole function of the Recreation Committee. She then mentioned how the committee had been concentrating on seeing that the area is a Recreation Center. She noted that the sign at the road does not say Pool and the committee is not called Pool Committee. Ele then listed all the wonderful accomplishments the committee has been working on. Those include hosting the New England ADA Field Base Training Program, coming up with a Master Plan to make improvements to the Center, making recommendations to the Selectboard concerning Recreation budget needs, getting a Facilities Grant, doing Fundraising, and greening up the center on Green Up Day. Corey mentioned that he joined the committee because an ad in the paper was asking for people with construction experience to join to help with the Master Plan. Ele mentioned that she was asked to be on the committee because the town was working on improving the tennis courts from their awful conditions. Fran mentioned that the increase in Pool attendance and new programming has been a joy to see. Corey asked Lisa Hill how to go about coming up with a written mission and how to clarify everyone's roles. Lisa mentioned that the Town Manager has been asked to provide job descriptions for employees. She suggested that the Selectboard could possibly draft a mission statement or roles of the committee. Then it could have an Open Meeting or meet with the Recreation Committee to finalize committee functions agreeable to both parties.
- D. Summer Pool Program: Theresa reported that there is a crack in the middle of the pool. Upon discussion it was suggested that the Fire Dept. or Corey could pump out the water. Then the crack could be fixed. A suggested time to do this was Sat. night after the pool was closed. Theresa also reported that the chlorine pump and vacuum are not working. Allison confirmed plans for the Open House which was changed to Thurs. night because of weather concerns.
- E. Minutes of June meeting: Allison had a concern about a phrase in the minutes. She gave her explanation. Fran pointed out that the tennis camp could be for children any age over 5 yrs. The committee discussed both issues and made amendments to change both. Then the committee accepted the minutes with the approved amendments
- F. Master Plan: There will be a meeting with VIA Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. at the Town Office.

- G. Fundraising: Corey and Ele got together and mailed out letters asking tennis patrons for a donation. At a recent tennis match, Storrs Pond players donated \$45 to us.
- H. Other business: Corey asked the committee for suggestions on what to say on the Fundraiser thermometer. Ele will check past minutes to see if the committee made any decisions on wording.
- I. Meeting was adjourned with the next meeting scheduled for August 12<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m. at the pool.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

Ele Griffin