

Bethel Recreation Committee

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 9, 2015

- A. The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m.
- B. In attendance were: Corey Stearns, Fran Staples, Ele Griffin, Rebecca Fors, and Fran Robinson.
- C. Budget Fiscal 16-17 request: Ele reported that she went to the November 23rd Selectboard meeting. She asked that the Improvement Fund be increased to \$30,000 in the budget. The selectboard decided to leave the fund at \$15,000 and would see about putting the addition as a line item for the Bethel citizens to vote on.
- D. Year Review for Town Report: Abbie Sherman has let the committee know that the end of year committee reports are due December 31st. Corey Stearns will write the review.
- E. Grants: The committee had a long discussion about a variety of grants. Corey Stearns reported that he talked to Ashley Lincoln about the Levesque Grant. The application is due in January. The committee needs to provide an overview vision of our Master Plan and the cost of our request. Next the committee discussed the Lamson Howell Foundation. It is a quarterly grant that is due March 6th. A request for \$6,000 is possible. The aim for this grant is getting kids active in recreation pursuits. Next discussed was the Windam Foundation that is due February and/or May. Last but not least the committee discussed the Tony Hawk Foundation. It is due January 20th. Corey's son Max will work on it. Corey will also ask Abbie about the best procedure to follow in applying for these grants.
- F. Future Fund Raising: The committee talked about having a concert as a fund raiser. Suggestions were made concerning having the Norwich University Band or the Vermont Symphony Orchestra Dinner Concert as a fundraiser.
- G. Pool Issues: The committee expressed that they would like to see a more detailed communication on the sign board about program happenings at the pool. Fran Robinson attended our meeting. She shared examples of evaluations used at the Hartford Recreation Department. The committee decided to review them more at the next meeting. The committee also wants to examine Job descriptions. Fran Robinson said that she could bring Hartford's to our next meeting.
- H. Other business: Rebecca Fors made the suggestion that the committee write up an announcement to families about the Improvement Fund request that will be at the Town Meeting. She thought that the committee could then ask the school to broadcast it on Alert Now.
- I. The committee approved the November meeting minutes.
- J. The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 13th at 6:30 p.m. The committee will ask Abbie if she is able to attend.

Minutes respectfully submitted by, Ele Griffin