

Bethel Recreation Committee
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, December 1, 2016

- A. Meeting called to order at 6:34pm
- B. In attendance: Ele Griffin, Dietre Feeney, Corey Stearns
- C. Corey presented the Skatepark Grants application for the Tony Hawk Foundation. He reported that he met with Carl Russell and Keith Arlund to discuss the town's involvement in the application proposal, and the proper steps the committee needs to take to procure the approval of Town Management necessary for the grant. The grant requires a basic park design which requires a revised proposal from the one that the committee presented to the selectboard at the November meeting. Also discussed is the possibility that the town bare some of the costs of trucking material, and preparing the base ahead of time using town equipment, and even possibly volunteers from the town who have equipment, time, and skill.
The committee looked at various options, and considered possible changes to the original skatepark design and size, that can be presented to town management/selectboard at the December 12 meeting. Corey and Ele will present to the Selectboard that evening.
- D. The committee spent some time discussing fundraising as the next step once the Tony Hawk Grant has been submitted in January. Corey suggested hosting a Vermont Symphony Dinner Event in the Town Hall. The committee came up with a few dates that could work. Corey will discuss catering the event with Willy Walker of Willy B's. Ele will contact the Vermont Symphony to discuss the size of the venue, cost, and dates of availability. Dietre will take care of securing the town hall, selling tickets, setting up the event. The fundraiser will require approval of Town Management, once the committee has done its homework first.
- E. Ele suggested that the committee NOT support the increase in the town report under Wages. This increase was presented to the town at the November Selectboard meeting. Keith Arlund said it is in the works to have some type of supervisory position to oversee the Recreation facility. The Recreation Committee discussed at tonight's meeting that the facility is nowhere near requiring an adult supervisory position, as the pool is more than adequately staffed, and can handle quite appropriately all the tasks required to maintain the facility as it is right now. Ele received full committee support to decline the increase as presented by town management.
- F. The advertisement for more committee members was in the Herald. Ele received permission to invite a few students to sit on the committee as nonvoting members. Dietre will speak to Mr. Owen Bradley about student volunteers from Whitcomb High School.
- G. Dietre offered to do the write up for the Town Report. Corey will send her last year's submission. Dietre will also work on the poster/photo board to display at Town Meeting Day.
- H. Next Recreation Committee meeting is scheduled for January 12, 2017 at 6:30pm.
Meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Dietre Feeney

