

TOWN OF LYME
Recreation Commission
Draft Minutes

October 23, 2023

Members Present: Dina Cutting, Chair; Judith Brotman, Select Board representative; Curtis Shepard; Luke Prince, Chris Pratt, Steve Small, Recreation Director.

Public: Will Mudge

1. Chair Cutting opened the meeting at 6:01 PM.
2. Mr. Mudge was present to discuss the preparations for the upcoming skating season. The rink is going to need a new liner. The area of the parking lot where the rink is constructed will need to be graded (highway department). Once graded the area should be over-spread with Jock Sand and leveled. Three tarps should be placed down over the jock sand before the new liner is put in place. This should help keep the liner from getting punctures from stones.
 - a. New liner +/- \$1,200
 - b. Grading (highway department)
 - c. Jock Sand +/- \$ _____
 - d. 3 tarps +/- \$ 100

Mrs. Brotman moved to approve an expenditure of up to \$2,000 for the skating rink. Mr. Pratt seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

3. The Commission discussed "To Do" items for the spring of 2024. By Commission consensus the following were approved:
 - a. Volleyball area (refurbish and upgrade) \$2,000
 - b. Swing set (replaced old metal set with new) \$3,000
 - c. Drinking fountains (replace old with new and add 1 additional) \$ _____
4. The Tennis Courts are in need of professional advice on repair/replace. By Commission consensus it was agreed that their original request to the Lyme Foundation be revised to reflect the Tennis Court needs and forwarded on to them for consideration this year.
5. Mrs. Cutting will get updated prices on boat racks. The Commission discussed adding two sets of racks to the existing area. Also discussed were alternative rack types.
6. Mr. Small updated the Commission on Baseball, Basketball, and Ski programs.
 - a. Some new equipment will need to be purchased for several of the programs. Some equipment is still good for another year.
 - b. Baseball fee should be raised to \$45 to cover all expenses.
 - c. Basketball program lost money this year. Participation already costs \$70 per child, so raising the fee isn't a good idea. 10 more participants are needed to break even.
 - d. The Ski Program fee should be reduced. Dartmouth charges an "administrative fee" to process the free student passes. Presently Lyme's fee for the Ski program is \$65. Mr. Small recommends reducing this to \$40. Lyme now has volunteer instructors. The bus is still a cost to the program.
7. The position of Recreation Director was discussed. This part-time position was created approximately 25 years ago. The first director was hired for 42 weeks a year at 15 hours a week. Over the past 25 years the programs have expanded and grown, responsibilities and technical

expertise have greatly increased. After considerable discussion, Mr. Shepard moved to increase the weekly hours to 20 and increase the hourly wage to \$25. It was noted this is a salaried position. (yearly budget will be \$21,000). Mrs. Brotman seconded the motion. Motion voted unanimously in favor.

8. At 7:20 PM Mr. Pratt moved to adjourn. Mr. Prince seconded the motion. Motion voted unanimously in favor.

/s/ JLSB