



TOWN OF GRANTHAM NEW HAMPSHIRE

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Recreation Committee Meeting – Monday December 9, 2019

6:30 pm – Town Building Basement

Present – Emily Rinde-Thorsen (Chair), Warren Kimball, Jeremy Bachelder, Tom Ripley, Rachel Ripley, Karen Hermanson, Laurie Hendricks

Old Business – Reviewing and editing the mission statement in order to compose a final draft to present to the Selectmen. It was suggested that the statement be broken up into two parts – the mission statement and the vision, which details how the Recreation Department will carry out the mission.

All who were present agreed to continue to edit the statement via email in the hopes of having a final draft to submit to the Select Board at the January 8, 2020 meeting. Revisions will continue via email.

New Business – The discussion moved to how to better engage the community and alternate ways to advertise/disseminate information and what would we like to fundraise for in the near future.

COMMUNICATION

The following are ideas that help support the communication aspect of the mission statement

-Speaking at each event (“the horse and pony show”) when it is appropriate/fits the flow of the event

-Consistent use of the Kearsarge Shopper and the Valley News Community Calendar

-This is a paper town – they like to have flyers to put on the fridge. Use the school newsletter as much as possible and potentially approach Eastman about adding town events into their newsletter

-If we are consistent with updating the website and that information is up to date and timely, more people will use it as a resource.

FUNDRAISING

Needs and wants to better serve the community (this is a wish list)

Moveable fencing for the baseball outfield

Clean up secondary baseball field – dig out and re-edge baseball field

Update Playground Equipment – benches, shade – trees

Cell phone booster/tower

Fix Scoreboard in GVS Gym

Redo the floor in GVS Gym

Water at the Rec Park – add a splash pad

New Activities and Event:

Fireworks

A larger outdoor stage to support larger concert opportunities.

Winter Events – snow plowing/parking at the park in the winter

Ice Skating on the pond

Dog Sled events

Snow/glow golf at night

Snow sculpture contest

Inflatable Fun Night

It was understood this is a wish list, but is also a place to start gathering ideas of what the town would like to have and for what they would be willing to donate money

Discussion moved to the state of the GVS Gym. Warren gave background on the history of the building and how the town sold the gym and the land to the school when the school expanded.

The scoreboard in the gym is not functioning and the floor is in need of re-surfacing.

It was suggested to meet with the school board to review responsibilities to this space and how the town and the school will work together moving forward in regard to deferred maintenance on the space.

The recreation department's access to the gym was also discussed, especially during basketball and baseball seasons. This is going to be an on-going discussion and we will discuss at future meetings ideas on how to compromise use of the GVS gym during the snowy months.

Next Meeting will be Wednesday January 8, 2020 at 6:30 pm, Grantham Town Building.