

Town of Grantham
Recreation Committee Minutes
11/6/19 6:30 pm

The meeting was held in the Grantham Town Building, Jerry Whitney Memorial Conference Room at 300 Route 10 South, Grantham, NH.

Present: Recreation Director Emily Rinde-Thorsen, Committee Members – Jeremy Bachelder, Shawn Hayward, Tom Ripley, Laurie Hendricks, Mary Ann Sears, Community Member – Karen Hermanson, Selectman – Warren Kimball

New Business – To outline and create a new Mission Statement for the Grantham Recreation Department.

Everyone present participated in a discussion on how to better serve the community. The discussion focused on what is done well already and how we can improve.

Recreation Park – it is a great asset to the town but it can be used in more creative ways.

The question was posed – How can we make the space more of a social gathering area for everyone in the community with the focus not just on athletics and small children?

Areas to focus on improvement:

Better, more consistent communication

Grantham has grown but the recreation offerings haven't – how do we grow with the town?

How will we engage and enrich the community?

The committee focus on these questions and discussed the vision for the department and what makes an event successful in the town.

The committee decided on the following three-prong approach to create our missions statement to best serve all members of the Grantham community.

- 1)Athletics – organized activities for children and other healthy lifestyle activities for adults
- 2)Social Events/Community Gatherings with a goal of bringing multiple generations together
- 3) Maintenance of current structures and development of potential future structure

All present agreed the focus of the mission statement will revolve around how to use the above points of emphasis to engage the community.

Conclusion: Emily will write a draft of the Mission Statement and send it to the committee via email. The group will work together through email to edit and clarify and create a formal draft to be finalized and voted on at the 12/9 meeting. Once the final draft has been approved by the recreation committee – we will submit to the Selectmen.

The next regular meeting of the Recreation Committee will be held on Monday December 9. 2019 at 6:30 pm at the Grantham Town Building – Jerry Whitney Room.

Submitted on 11/19/19,

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