

**Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting
11/19/2020 @ 7:00 PM
Chaplin Town Hall and
Remotely via
GoToMeeting**

1. Call to order at 7:02 pm. Members present: Dave Stone, Amelia Nelson, Chris Blair, Monica Arbo, Russ Johndrow.
2. Audience for Citizens : none
3. Secretary's Report: Motion to accept 10/15/2020 minutes by Dave. 2nd by Monica. All in favor. Motion passed.
4. Treasurer's Report: No change in accounts since last month. General Fund: \$15,256.07 and Special Revenue :\$7320.90
5. Chairman's Report on membership: Dave informed members that the Selectman has extended the term of the 5 members which had expired in June until further notice. There are no vacancies in the Commission as of now.
6. Sports:
 - A. Background Checks Status : The Commission is using the service of the **National Center For Safety Initiatives** to conduct background checks on all who are or will be participating in the Recreation Commission activities. This will be beneficial to the organization to insure that our residents, especially our children, are provided with the best volunteers. Background checks will be started soon beginning with the members of the Commission.
 - B. Basketball: Dave has contacted both the Scotland and Hampton Recreation Committees to inquire whether they would be interested in holding basketball clinics for our youth. Only Scotland's chairman, Peter Martin, has responded so far. He has offered any help that we might need. After discussion, it was decided not to hold any clinics yet due to the Governor's restrictions on sports. We will address this issue at the January Recreation meeting.
 - C. Other: Badminton: Monica would like to return the registration fees for this sport to the participant's. The club was cancelled due to Covid-19. She will talk to Linda Caron to clarify all that have paid registrations first before she sends any monies out.
7. Activities:
 - A. Christmas/Winter Activities and Events: After discussion, it was decided to host a Holiday Day light display contest, "Light-in up Chaplin", in the

town . Registrations will be \$5. per household. This registration fee will be donated to an organization. Households can register on-line up to December 23. Participating households ' addresses will be posted on the town website and the Recreation Commission's Facebook page. Voting for the best light display can then be voted on- line by the town residents. Voting will close Dec. 30. Winner (s) will be notified on Dec. 31. Prizes will be given out. Dave motioned to collect a minimum of \$5.00 per household for this event. 2nd by Monica. Motion carried with a vote of 4 in favor, 0 against and 1 abstention (Russ). Dave also motioned to donate 100% of the registration fees collected to the Veteran's Base Camp & Community Training Center. 2nd by Amelia. Motion carried by a vote of 4-0-1 with Russ abstaining.

- B. Ice Rink: The ice rink will hopefully be set up this winter under to the pavilion by the DPW. Weather permitting. Dave motioned to spend up to \$400.00 for a new liner. 2nd by Chris. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - C. Tag Sale: Some participants have not paid the \$5. Fee. We will flag these participants and check the next time we have a tag sale.
 - D. Bicentennial: We will add this event each month to our agenda. We were asked to think about something that we can add to this celebration. An idea to finish building the playscape and dedicate it on the culminating day was discussed. Dave will bring this to the Selectman to put it on the CIP list. Discussion about fireworks and concessions were also discussed.
8. Building & Field: The playscape is in need of new woodchips. Chris motioned that we purchase 60 yds. of chips at \$1494.60. 2nd by Monica. All in favor. Motion carried.
 9. Other Business: Discussion about assisting the elementary school with various projects was held. No action was taken.
 10. 2nd Audience for citizens: none
 11. Motion to adjourn at 8:45 pm by Dave. 2nd by Russ. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectively submitted,

Chris Blair. Secretary