

DRAFT MINUTES

Parks & Recreation Commission Special Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 2, 2020 @ 11:00 am

Hampton Falls Town Hall

1 Drinkwater Road

Hampton Falls, NH 03844

Meeting called to order: 11:21 am

Attendance: Lyn Stan (chair), Karen Sabatini (treasurer), Beth Forgione (secretary), Pam Fitzgerald

Not present: Tuesday Orluk, Phil Chura, Mark Lane (Selectman Representative), Larry Smith (GWP Liason)

Ice Rink

As discussed in the monthly meeting Grant Winnes had been approached by Beth Raucci, the principal of LAS to install an ice rink at the school this winter. That raised the question of whether Parks and Rec should also put a rink at Governor Weare Park. At the monthly meeting three options were discussed which are outlined below.

Option 1 – Use the rink at the school rather than building a second one at GWP. Issues: The school cannot permit anyone but the children at LAS to use the rink while school is in session. That means the rink would only be available for the rest of the community on weekends and after 3:00pm on school days. With dark coming early in the winter, that leaves only a very narrow timeframe for other than the school children to use the rink on weekdays.

Option 2 - An option might be to add lights* to the rink at LAS so it can be used in the evenings during the week. Initial discussions with Principal Raucci indicated she was not for the idea due to liability concerns.

Option 3 – Put a rink at GWP in addition to the one at the school so it will be available to the community with no restrictions. This option means more work for Grant Winnes and more volunteers needed to support two rinks. Also the GWP rink could be lit* so it could be used in the evenings.

Grant Winnes had a follow up discussion with Beth Raucci, principal at Lincoln Ackerman. She indicated the school could not permit lighting to be added to the ice rink on school property due to liability issues and school guidelines. Therefore, Option 2 has been eliminated.

Discussion resulted in the following considerations in selecting one of the remaining two options:

- warm weather is projected for this winter and the rink at GWP would be in the sun, thus we projected there would not be a significant number of days when the rink would be frozen enough to use
- the ice rink at the school would be installed in the shade so should be frozen more often than the one at GWP
- the ice rink at the school may be available to the community after 3:00 pm and on the weekends
- the Parks and Rec Commission does not have in hand the funds needed for lighting
- Grant Winnes would need to install and maintain two ice rinks – one at the school and one at GWP

As a result of the discussion and the above considerations, a move was made to table the ice rink this year unless Grant Winnes is interested installing and maintaining an ice rink at GWP without additional cost to the Parks and Rec Commission. The Parks and Rec Commission will support whichever

decision Grant Winnes makes.

MOTION: Move to table the ice rink at GWP this year unless Grant Winnes wants to install using our existing liner with no expense to the Parks and Rec Commission.

MOTION: Beth Forgione

SECOND: Lyn Stan

Abstentions: None

Passed

MOTION: Move to adjourn at 11:45 am

MOTION: Beth Forgione

SECOND: Karen Sabatini

Abstentions: None

Passed

Prepared by: Beth Forgione