

Sterling Recreation Committee
Meeting Minutes November 17, 2020

Meeting officially called to order at 7:25 pm

Present: Kristen Dietel (Recreation Director), Jo-Ann Cummings (Committee Chair), Glen Donaldson, Mark Hryniewicz, Heidi Grady

Absent: Andy Parker, Bonnie Pulda, Deidre Shapiro

New Business

Sign Warrant/Payroll (Kristen)

Discussion: Payroll is now electronic, signatures not needed at this time

Minutes from September 15, 2020

Motion to Approve: Glenn

- 2nd Heidi
- All approve

Finance Report (Kristen)

Motion to accept as written: Mark

- 2nd Glenn
- All approve

Status Update (Kristen)

- Programs:
 - Kristen gave an update on what programs we are running
 - One Lego Engineering program running at the 1835 Town Hall on Monday afternoons, 4:00-5:00pm
 - Offering Monday & Saturday Ski Program Passes
- Update on what WRSD plans to do for next term; planning to return hybrid Thursday, but that may change following School Committee Meeting

Holiday Plans (Kristen)

- Holiday Lighting Tour: residents submit their addresses; Rec Dept. compiles and advertises a list so families can drive around
 - Proposing adding a Cookies & Cocoa Kick-Off where families can drive through Senior Center, get treats, see Santa and get a list of the houses so they can go out and look
- Ask Fire and maybe Police about potentially having a Santa Parade
- Putting up a tree in the common – no lighting event, but will still bring cheer

Future Programming/Plans (Kristen)

Discussion: How do we want to use the 1835 Town Hall?

- Members of the community have suggested the Rec Dept. go “back” to the 1835 Town Hall. Kristen reached out to 1835 Comm chair and asked if they’d like Rec to join them at some point to discuss future plans.
- What should our plans be?
 - Will we get stuck at the 1835 Town Hall/how will we justify the need for a Rec Center in the future?
 - How much can we use it/what will restrictions be?
 - Do we need to get each use approved? If so, by who?
 - Do we have to pay for use?

- Committee members and Kristen will attend 1835 Town Hall Meeting when invited to discuss these concerns
- Kristen will continue to explore programs that we can have at 1835 Town Hall and other locations where possible

Old Business

Recreation 5-year Plan

Discussion: Because the Master Plan is not going to include Recreation, we need to write our 5-Year Plan

- Tabled until we can be in-person

Meeting adjourned 8:09 pm