

# Randolph Community Recreation Advisory Committee

## Meeting Minutes- Oct 21, 2015

### Randolph Town Hall- 7 Summer Street

**Present:** Members Tom Schersten, Jon Kaplan, Frederick Hauser, Ian Sears, Erica Sears, George Sweet, Recreation Director Kate Sigurdson

1. Call to Order

2. Public Comment- None

3. Approval of minutes from the previous meeting

4/5. Update on Programs and Activities and Discussion of future plans

- A review of adult programs with dates and times was provided, i.e. Table Tennis, Pickleball, Volleyball, Basketball and future programs such as yoga.
- Committee members were offered an invitation to themselves or spouses to participate in the Nov RAD class.
- Members were informed of collaboration with the RUHS athletic department for a concussion course offered to coaches. A website was provided to the recreation department for anyone interested in taking an online concussion course. A discussion resulted in the decision to require rink staff to participate in this course.
- I explained concerns regarding a box located at tennis courts with a padlock to provide equipment to community when facilities are closed. It was explained that during the off season members would be required to provide their own equipment to use the courts.
- A committee member asked if the completion of the rink painting would be occurring and was explained that it had been built into the budget for the next FY but unfortunately would not occur for the upcoming season.
- A conversation regarding the upcoming ice rink season resulted in the following suggestions: Increase use of social media, need for more visible open sign/ flag on outside of building replacing current hockey stick/ flag, a manager is needed who will get the community engaged, suggestions were ask for potential staff, collaboration with NAHA to increase hockey community at rink, events need to be organized and implemented such as, Valentines skate, Olympics, dinner and skate, offering incentive to students on Fridays similar to suicide six ski afternoons.
- It was discussed to continue pursuing a collaborations with VTC in several areas. Tow rope, basketball, baseball, and tennis courts.
- It was discussed that the Christmas tree will no longer be decorated and upon approval by the selectboard will be replaced. The gazebo will most likely be decorated in it's placed. It was asked that Santa come back this year.
- It was discussed that the tennis courts will be deep cleaned by the grounds crew this year and replaced in FY 17. New backboards and a tennis backboard are planned to be updated by this upcoming spring.
- The recent playground build was discussed. 28 volunteers assisted with the build Saturday and the grounds crew are completing the build this week. We will have a financial need for an additional \$2000 as a result of insufficient surfacing.
- The upcoming Safe and Seen Halloween Event was described. There was a conversation surrounding the desire to bring a Halloween parade to Randolph so that families do not have travel to see their youth in parades and community organizations can participate.
- Rick gave an overview of the conversations occurring between the youth sports teams and recreation department in offering a collaboration of some sorts to assist in maintaining the growth in the programs and streamline the information to parents as well as create a youth sports database.
- It was relayed the results from the recent attempts at offering an afterschool program and several possible collaboration to offer a successful program next year to meet the communities needs and release the stress on the current program.

6. The next meeting date was set for Nov 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 7:00pm.

7. Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved: s Written  as edited

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Kate Sigurdson

RCRAC Meeting Minutes- Sept 16, 2015