

Weathersfield Parks & Recreation Commission
Wednesday, March 22nd, 2023
1879 Schoolhouse, 1862 Route 106

Board members present: Ray Stapleton, Olivia Savage, Nichole Gagnon, Amy Beth Main and Julia Gumbart

Board members absent: none

Public present: **Town Manager Brandon Gulnick present**

Brandon called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Election of Chairperson

Nichole nominated Ray to be chair. All in favor. No discussion. Ray was elected to chair and chaired the remainder of the meeting.

Election of Vice Chairperson

Ray nominated Nichole to be vice chair. All in favor. No discussion. Nichole was elected to vice chair.

Election of Clerk

Nichole nominated Julia to be clerk. All in favor. No discussion. Julia was elected to clerk.

Brandon thanked the board for their volunteership and interest in helping the Town. Brandon also gave an update on available funds: there is currently \$24,176.57 in the Parks & Recreation Reserve Account. Brandon will provide a report of the amounts in the fund subcategories/other accounts (Hoisington Field, Center Grove, Tenney, etc.) for our next meeting.

Festival Discussion

Task Force

There is interest in forming some type of a subcommittee so that work on the festival can be done in between meetings without having to warn special meetings all of the time. However, it is against Open Meeting Law to have a majority of the board on a subcommittee, so the group may only consist of two people. Ray motioned that Olivia and Nichole comprise a festival task force to make any time sensitive decisions that arise and can spend up to \$2,500 for the festival; they will report back to the board at each meeting. Julia seconded. All in favor. No discussion.

Planning

Music will be a key component to the event. Ray knows somebody will perform live for \$300. Nichole knows somebody who can DJ for free.

There was discussion on how to go about fundraising. Nichole suggested that we create a sponsorship proposal to give to businesses/groups. It was discussed whether to charge vendors. It was decided that a nominal fee may garner interest and lower the potential of vendors not showing. Brandon will look into the legality of this.

Groups/Businesses of Interest to Target:

Springfield GMC: booth, games, donations, maybe a shuttle
Fire Departments: touch-a-truck
Windsor Parks & Rec: bouncy houses
Army Corps
Crown Point Country Club
Cycle shop in Claremont
Ascutney Outdoors
Ascutney Trail Association
Rick Bates: emergency management for parking/event safety
Orvis
Fly shop in Woodstock
Rod & Gun clubs
Snowmobile clubs
Groups in town: Conservation Commission, Historical Society, etc.
VINS
SoVerA: also Rick Bates
Garden Club

ARPA Presentation

Brandon will add us to the Selectboard agenda for April 17th. Julia will send what information she has already gathered for a powerpoint to the board and Nichole will bring her laptop to the next meeting so that we can work on the presentation.

Nichole motioned to adjourn at 7:30 PM. Olivia seconded. All in favor.

Next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 5th at 6:30 PM at the 1879 Schoolhouse.

Respectfully submitted,

Julia Gumbart

Approved on: _____ by: _____