

New Hartford Recreation
Special Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 22, 2018

Call to Order: 7:02pm

Members Present: Joe Petrarca, Arnie Helt, Mark McCarthy, Ed McCann, Jeremy Schaller

Members Absent: Roxanne Helt

Others Present: Recreation Director Christy Tellier

Joe opened the meeting with introductions. Jeremy Schaller introduced himself. Discussed a project he had been working on with other residents for a mountain bike trail connecting the mountain area from the Waring building down to behind Birch Lane Ice, through Nepaug Rod & Gun club and connecting through to the Nepaug State Forest.

Opportunity For Public Comment:

None

Old Business:

Berkshire Hall pipes had frozen up. Pipes have since defrosted.

Ed asked about the state of the Brodie Waterfront – the water is still low enough. He felt it should be investigated to see if some work could begin to start breaking up the concrete wall because water will be too high by spring.

Financials:

Two capital projects currently have funds allocated – Brodie Waterfront and Callahan Park basketball court resurfacing.

Financials were reviewed, no questions.

Review of Activities:

Summer concerts run approximately \$4000. This expense is paid for out of the program account.

Camp planning is underway. Fishing derby planning is underway.

There was discussion about creating an ordinance vs. a rule about no drinking at the parks. It was agreed no action was necessary at this time.

Cyclocross event was a success. Park was in good shape at the conclusion of the day.

2018-2019 Budget Discussion

Discussion of the budgeting process and Program Account vs. General Fund account.

There was a brief discussion of the Rails to Trails project and if it was under the purview of the Recreation Commission. It was agreed Rails to Trails is more of a town project and not under the direction of Recreation.

There was discussion of developing a list of ideas for capital and maintenance projects for use in future budget planning. Items to include – closing in pipes under Berkshire Hall to prevent freezing, refinishing flooring in Berkshire.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of the May 10, 2017 meeting

Ed made a motion to approve the minutes. Arnie 2nd. All in favor, motion passes.

Minutes of the December 13, 2017 meeting

Ed made a motion to approve the minutes. Mark 2nd. All in favor, motion passes.

Minutes of the January 10, 2018 meeting

Jeremy made a motion to approve the minutes. Mark 2nd. All in favor, motion passes.

Arnie made a motion to adjourn at 8:34pm seconded by Ed. All in favor, motion passes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christy Tellier
Recreation Director