

Royalton Recreation Commission Meeting

July 31, 2023, 7:00pm

Members Present: David Donahue, Jessica Jones, Kirsten Cronen, Julia Abraham

Other Attendees: Victoria Paquin (Royalton Town Administrator), Betsy Ricker-Donahue

- I. Carpenter Field flood recovery update (Victoria)
 - A. Ian McKensie was hired by town to review all damage in town as part of FEMA requirements. He has completed the review of Carpenter Field so clean up can begin. Debris needs to be removed and then we can request bids for needed services, may just need fill, may need to reseed.
 - B. Victoria shared purchasing policy for town and indicated we can purchase/rent equipment to clean up if needed
 - C. Commission members and Ian heard from community members willing to volunteer for clean up
 - D. Committee agrees machinery/equipment likely needed for clean up (not just people power) and need to wait for field to be dry enough for that.
 - E. Carpenter won't be in use for fall soccer, plan to use Hope Field for K-2 and 3-4 if possible, maybe use Bethel fields?
- II. Budget (Victoria)
 - A. Budget is drafted in August/September for next fiscal year (July-June), for approval at town meeting in March
 - B. Commission would like to consider adding a line for a new reserve fund which could be used for larger items or required matches for grants. Reserve can be funded through direct donations or fundraising
 1. Reserve has to be created by article at town meeting which includes how the reserve will be funded (e.g. appropriations from general fund, fundraising, etc.) and how it will be spent (e.g. on what and who will approve it)
 2. Consider adding \$3k to FY25 budget to start reserve fund
 - C. Note that if we expect to spend more than \$2k on an expense not in the line item where we budgeted for it, need selectboard approval
 - D. Victoria will send FY23 close budget report when it is available
- III. Discussion of soccer goals
 - A. Since goals will need to be moved to different fields for this season and may be broken, this might be a big expense for FY24. Jess to survey condition of goals on Carpenter.
- IV. Meeting days/times
 - A. Motion to amend meeting times to last Monday of the month, rather than fourth Monday of the month. Moved, seconded, approved.
- V. Soccer (Kristen and Betsy)
 - A. 38 kids signed up so far, most are K-2, 8 3-4s, 7 5-6s (two are kids from Bethel who have played other sports in Royalton). Expect all ages to be co-ed. Will split K-2s into two groups.
 - B. Practice runs 9/5-10/14

1. One scrimmage for 2s vs Strafford on 10/7
 2. Saturdays 9-10am for K-1, 10-11am for 1-2
 - C. Kristen to email all email addresses we have some other sports signups to generate more registrations. Final registration deadline is still 8/26 and we can not accept registrations after that date.
 - D. Still need coaches for 3-4s and 5-6s and refs for all.
 - E. Lining fields - ask Jim Hewitt for help, maybe a soccer work day?
 - F. Shed at Hope Field will be used this year, need to get a lock for it.
- VI. Other events
- A. Band on the green, Friday August 18.
 1. Will not be BYOB
 - B. Movie night on the green, Saturday August 26
 1. Turn out wasn't great at last movie night, might be too late for a little kids movie but will see how next one goes.
 - C. How to promote these events - Jess to investigate Front Porch Forum