

## Norwich Recreation Council Meeting MINUTES from January 15th, 2019

Present: Jill Niles, Jill Collins, Kristin Fauci, David Bartlett, Page Tompkins, Ryan Gardner, Rob Johnson, Amy Tuller & Gered Dunne

Review of minutes. Jill C moved to approve. Seconded by Page

1. Gered went to the Select Board meeting on 1/9/19 to request permission to get bids on a new snow grooming machine for Huntley as well as to replace the old Alpine snowmobile with a newer second hand one. Request for bids has been written by our Town Manager, Herb and will be posted/advertised soon. After getting bids, these items will go back to the Select Board for approval. It appears that the groomer needs to be replaced due to mechanical problems as well as the snow mobile. Ryan brought up the question of whether the snow mobile or 4 wheeler could be used by other departments, in order to be able to cost-split. Jill will ask Larry next week. Discussed pros and cons and price differences of Gator vs. Snowmobile. Gered shared his research on the costs of each. Money for this would come out of the Recreation Facilities Improvement Fund. Gered suggested we could also rent out the service for grooming at the Dresden fields or other local areas if needed. Page mentioned that it would be good to highlight that the Recreation Department/Council, along with the awesome Volunteers Groomers keep groomed trails at Huntley Meadow available to everyone in town. Gered initiated discussion about ideas for more X-C ski programming for all ages at Huntley.
2. Recreation Budget FY '20: Unfortunately \$4,500 was taken out of the budget for tennis court resurfacing at the Select board meeting on Jan. 9th. Council members discussed how this ought to be a one time cut due to town budget cuts, but that it will be very important to work to get this put back in in the future so that tennis courts can be maintained.
3. Huntley Pavilion Roof Replacement: Herb & Jill have been working on getting bids for the job. Jill felt that it is important to have a nicely done roof of cedar shakes or standing seam, to keep with the spirit of the donation of the building.
4. Skating Party: Will be this Friday, January 18<sup>th</sup>. Co-sponsored by PTO. Kristin has a spreadsheet of volunteers and food. Still need volunteers for the end. Norwich Farm Creamery is donating hot chocolate.
5. Program Update: Becky Hooper is starting as a new yoga instructor. We now have 3 wonderful yoga instructors.
6. Recreation Department Director: Now have 9 applicants. Applications due by 1/18/19 @ 4:30pm.
7. Motion to adjourn by Gered. Seconded by Rob.
8. Next meeting: Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 7pm.