

Norwich Recreation Council
Minutes-Tuesday January 7, 2020

Present: B.Swenson (Rec Director), R. Johnson, S.Gaughan, C. Girard, R.Gardner (President), J. Collins, B.Tine, K.Fauci (Vice President) & guest Tracey Hayes Warren

Absent: D. Bartlett, S.Martin

- 1) Review of December Minutes: Jill Collins moved to approve minutes, Steve Gaughan seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.
- 2) Skating Rink Update: Brie let us know the new liner should be set after the weekend's rain and warm temps. There is an excellent group of Hosers all lined up and their help is greatly appreciated—New hosers are always welcomed! The annual skating party is set for Friday January 24th 3:30-4:30. It was decided this year to only have hot cocoa, skating and a fire pit. It was also decided to partition off a small section of the rink to separate different levels of skating abilities. Helmets will be mandatory. No hockey sticks or pucks.
- 3) New registration system update: Brie reported the new My Rec system could possibly go "live" February 3, 2020. This will be in time to register mud season sign ups.
- 4) FYE 2021 Budget report: majority of the select board supports the 2021 budget
- 5) Fall sports survey results: Rob Johnson very kindly put together and reported the results of fall sports surveys.
- 6) Summer camp update: Rebecca Reed and Brie Swenson will be attending the summer camp fair at Richmond Middle School on January 15, 2020, from 5:30-7pm for grades K-12. Many of the same camps, plus some new camps will be offered from Norwich Recreation Dept. this summer.
- 7) Guest, Tracey Hayes Warren came to present her information regarding the Vermont Prevention grant (20k) that was awarded in support from Mt Ascutney Hospital. The Norwich Prevention Network, coordinated by Tracey Hayes Warren, will be using the grant funds to support healthy youth/healthy community activities to offer substance free events for area youth. The Norwich and Hanover Rec. depts, along with other town supporters : the library, bookstore, police station, will be organizing events such as: dances, "Friday Night Lights", winter sports camp, open gym time and karaoke..... We look forward to hearing in the spring how this pilot program goes.
- 8) New/old business: none

Meeting adjourned 8:30pm