

## Norwich Rec Council

Agenda – Tuesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> , 2021 – 7pm

Via Zoom

**Attendees:** David Bartlett, Cathy Girard, Ryan Gardner, Rob Johnson, Sarah Martin, Kristin Pontecorvo, Steve Gaughan, Bill Tine, Brie Swenson, Nina Sablan.

February minutes were approved.

State guidance update: Brie updated the group that there is no real change to the guidance as it relates to spring sports. We expect to schedule games in anticipation of things opening up, which can of course be postponed if there is no opening.

Spring sports update. Everything except Kindergarten and some grade 2/3 sports will open up next week for registration. We will also open up summer camp registration to get some idea on numbers. We may add additional lacrosse options. Tennis courts and lower Huntley parking area are available for activities once the ice clears. Mud season activities will not happen.

Summer camp update: Other than the naturalist camps which are run by teachers, all programs will run as normal. We are exploring other potential groups to run the naturalist camps. Brie will check with VINS. Photography camp is a new addition funded in part by Mascoma Bank.

Online programs recap: Brie reported that these programs have been well received. We are done with the online programs for now as the weather starts to warm up. We may add a cooking program.

Huntley Meadows overview: Brie met with Todd Holmes to discuss Huntley upkeep and repairs. She has yet to receive a finite plan from Todd. Mike K, the former groundskeeper at Quechee Club is providing advice in the meantime. There is a proposal for a trial 'dog park' that would delineate the dog walking area to try to protect the larger fields. An AARP grant is available for projects increasing access for older folks. This grant would likely cover the establishment of a broader trail around Huntley and establishing a more formal dog park. This would also cover the Lydia Bos fountain as we would need to have water on site. This application has not yet been submitted but Brie expects to submit. Ideas for keeping the stairs cleared are welcome. DPW is understaffed and it's hard to ask them to do this right now.

New Business: Kristin suggested we start to think about programming post-winter for use of the Brookmead/P5 trails for hiking and running. UVLT would charge a usage fee for anything starting at Brookmead. We might consider having events start at P5.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm