

Town of Stratham



Stratham Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes

February 4, 2016

In Attendance: Tracy Abbott, Tim Copeland, Pam Dziama, Frank LaSorsa, April Mason, Jeff Simeone

Absent: Chris Cavaretta

Special Guest: Seth Hickey, Parks & Recreation Director

The meeting was called to order at 7:35pm.

The Stratham 300th Committee

John was introduced as the Stratham 300th Committee Chairperson and he attended our meeting to discuss the events and activities surrounding the Town's 300th celebration this year. There will be (3) separate events – a Play in April/May which represents historical Stratham, a Dinner Dance in June, and a Parade in September. John stated that the Clydesdales have been invited to join in the Parade and the Committee is waiting to hear back. The Committee has also a Stratham History Book for sale, and a 300th license plate is being sold to Stratham residents as well.

Meeting Minutes

- The December Minutes were reviewed and discussed. **Tim made a motion to accept the December 2015 Minutes with corrections as discussed, Jeff seconded, all were in favor. MOTION APPROVED.**

General Budget

No updated Budget to review.

Revolving Account

No updated Budget to review.

Sports Boards

- Basketball – Seth stated the program is running and seems to be going very well.
- Baseball/Softball – Baseball registration is open and Softball registration begins next week.

Stevens

There is work being done on the interior of the garage and for the concession stand.

Stratham Hill Park

- We discussed the skating rink and Seth stated that it will be done differently next year. He is considering purchasing a temporary rink pre-made structure which would need to be assembled each season. The cost is approximately \$7,000 and there has been some discussion about us splitting the cost with the Park Association.
- Seth stated that the Bike Rentals have been slow – there is lots of ice out on the trails.
- Seth reported that the Selectmen approved the trail revisions at the Park.
- We will be hosting a Loco Cycling Fat Bike Event in a couple of weeks.
- Seth reported that Stone Oven Catering will be at the Park on Thursday nights as of the end of April. They may also be involved in the Train Running Series which is Thursday nights May to October.

Administrative

- Seth indicated that the next Community Trip would be to the Flower Show on March 16th.
- Coyote Club Camp will run during February vacation week.
- The Selectmen signed a 1-year contract with Convenient MD for their advertising signs at the Park.
- Seth reported that he is looking into new registration software for the Parks & Recreation Department. The contract we have with our current provider ends in April next year so Seth is going to continue researching other options
- The Annual Egg Hunt will be held on March 26th this year at Stratham Hill Park.

Tracy made a motion to adjourn @ 8:40 pm, Tim seconded, all were in favor. MOTION APPROVED.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, March 17th @ 7:30pm at the Municipal Center.