



## Stratham Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes  
December 13, 2018

### Opening

The regular meeting of the Stratham Recreation Commission was called to order at 7:08pm December 13, 2018 in the Stratham Municipal Center.

### Present Members

April Mason, Jeff Simeone, Brian DeKoning, Sean Burke, Sean Kokowski

### Absent Members

Joe Lovejoy, Tracy Abbott, Frank Lasorsa

### Special Guest

Seth Hickey

### Approval of Minutes

- Minutes of November's meeting were presented
  - Motion to approve made by April
  - Jeff seconded
  - Motion was Unanimously approved

### Open Issues

- Current Budget Status, Revolving and General
  - Seth reported that electricity at Stratham Hill Park went up as well as the cost of field maintenance.
  - Seth will evaluate and get back to the Commission on why
- Basketball Update
  - Things going ok with new gym usage and janitorial staff onsite. A couple times coaches have had to make a phone call or go find staff to open gym at scheduled time.
  - Sean Kokowski reported that a visiting team was warming up in the SMS hallways. Going forward coaches need to ensure that there are no basketballs being played with in the hallways.
- Skateboard Park Update
  - Seth reported that the group raised ~\$2,500 through the online raffles
  - Selectmen had approved park design contract
  - Test pits at SHP were taken
  - Carnival and Conservation Commissions have objected to the proposed location
  - Seth reported that they were looking at a location behind the lower baseball field at SHP
  - A public meeting is scheduled for 1/14/19 to share info on the Skate Park project and proposed locations
  - The Park drawings cannot be completed without a location chosen
- Winter Activities
  - Seth reported that the ice rink was set-up and a new liner was purchased and installed for this season

- Ski Programs
  - 170 students were signed up Gunstock
  - 30 each for McIntyre and Pats Peak
- Food Truck Festival
  - May 4<sup>th</sup> 2019
  - 15 food trucks have been confirmed
  - Multiple breweries and bands are lined up
- SHP Upper Baseball Field Update
  - Things have been delayed due to weather
  - Bell & Flynn to return on 12/13 to resume work
  - Prepping ground for hydro-seeding
  - Field will not be playable for 2019 season.
    - Alternate fields are being discussed
- Conservation Commission Partnership
  - Seth reported that the Parks Association was discussing dissolving.
  - Conservation Commission was looking to merge and take on responsibility for a section of the Park
  - The Recreation Commission currently oversees the overall usage and decision making of the park
    - Rec Commission had not been previously notified of the Conservation Commissions plan to merge with Parks Association
    - Rec Commission would like to be involved in the discussion around the merging of the two groups and how it would ultimately effect who is controlling the grounds at SHP.
    - April Mason will draft a letter to the involved parties to express the Recreation Commission's interest in being involved in this process of determining oversite of Stratham Hill Park
- Recreation Commission roles and membership
  - Sean Kokowski to officially join Recreation Commission
  - Tracy to confirm Sean Burke and Brian DeKoning are official members
  - Tracy Abbott will remain as Recreation Commission Chairman
  - Jeff Simeone will take on Secretary responsibilities

**Meeting ended at 8:14pm**

### **Agenda for Next Meeting**

Agenda will be provided prior to the next meeting

### **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:14pm by Brian DeKoning and seconded by April Mason, motion unanimously approved. The next general meeting will be at 7:00pm on January 10th, 2019 at the Stratham Municipal Center.

Minutes submitted by:      Jeff Simeone