



**Walpole Recreation Committee
Meeting Held on October 10, 2018
Blackburn Hall - 5:30 p.m.
30 Stone Street - Walpole, MA 02081**

Recreation Committee Present

Regular Members

- William Buckley, Vice Chairman
- Richard McCarthy
- Michael McGrath

Associate Members

- None

Staff Present

Brendan Croak, Recreation Director

Call to Order

Vice Chairman Buckley called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

Director's Report

Jarvis Farm Weekend Swimming

- Director Croak updated the Committee about a citizen's petition to the Finance Committee and the Sewer & Water Commissioners. The petition will go back in front of the Finance Committee tomorrow, and an update will be given to the Recreation Committee at the next meeting.

Bay State Flag Football League Field Usage

- Director Croak told the Committee members that an email was sent out to the individual who currently organizes the league. No reply has been received, and a phone call with

be forthcoming. Signage at Johnson Middle School will be installed on-site as soon as it is ready.

Middle School Dance

- Director Croak informed the Committee that there were over 115 kids in attendance at the first 6th Grade dance last month. Numbers historically decline as the school year continues. However, efforts are in place to include new attractions on a monthly-basis.

Activity Night

- The Committee was updated with the Department's upcoming Activity Night on Friday that includes a Hypnotist for grades 6 - 8.

Main Street Live

- Some discussion took place with the potential Recreation Department's involvement in the future of the Main Street Live event that takes place annually by the Economic Development Commission. There was a brief recap of the conversation that took place at the most recent Economic Development Commission meeting. At this point, more discussion is needed to see if there is interest in a potential partnership. Mr. McGrath noted that he would like a breakdown of the amount of potential hours it would take if the Recreation Department were to get involved. He said that this would be helpful in getting a better sense of the compensation needed for the Recreation Department's efforts.

New Business

- *None*

Old Business

A. Jarvis Harvest

- Director Croak gave a brief overview of the event that is taking place this Saturday, October 13th.

B. Route 1A Fields Project

- Director Croak informed the Committee that there are no new developments to report on in the Route 1A Fields Project.

C. Smiling Eyes

- Director Croak distributed a draft of the timeline that the Recreation Department would like to put in place for the 2019-2020 School Year. He requested that the Committee review the information for further discussion and commentary at the November meeting. A request for a potential vote at the December meeting to adopt this timeline was made. Further discussion was had about potentially changing the amount that is

awarded on an individual-basis, based on the previous year's revenue versus the amount of applications received. Director Croak expressed some concern about the amount of requests exceeding the amount of funds received. There was some discussion about a greater involvement from the Smiling Eyes subcommittee with regard to the fundraising efforts. Chairman Buckley and Mr. McGrath will focus future efforts on potential fundraising events and opportunities.

Public Comment

- *None*

Minutes

- On a motion made by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. McGrath, the Committee voted 3-0-0 to approve the meeting minutes from the September 19th meeting.

Adjournment

- On a motion made by Chairman Buckley, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, the Committee voted 3-0-0 to adjourn at 6:23 p.m.