



MINUTES
Parks and Recreation Committee
Monday, February 1, 2021; 4:30 PM
By Remote Meeting

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ITEM 1 CALL TO ORDER – called to order at 4:30 pm by committee chair Greg Veilleux. Greg Veilleux, Amy Schwartz, Jeff Dobbs, John Kelly, Tommy Parham, and Bethany Leavitt were in attendance.

ITEM 2 EXCUSED ABSENCES (s) - none

ITEM 3

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: *The Parks and Recreation Committee allows at this time up to fifteen minutes of public comment on any subject not on the agenda and not in litigation with a maximum of three minutes per person.*

To participate in the public comment period:

- *those joining the meeting by computer will need to “raise hand” within the zoom application in order to be recognized by the Committee Chair, Greg Veilleux. Once recognized, you will be unmuted so everyone attending the meeting will hear you speak.*
- *those joining the meeting by phone must submit their comments to the Committee Chair by email at yfamilymdi@gmail.com. Any comments received before 3pm on February 1, 2021 will be read during the meeting.*

There were no public comments.

ITEM 4 APPROVAL OF MINUTES – moved by Jeff Dobbs, seconded by Amy Schwartz – motion passes unanimously, 4-0.
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ITEM 5 APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Bethany Leavitt requested to add Nina St Germain to the agenda to discuss snow sledding – Noted that this would come before the Public Works updated becoming item J. Motion made by Jeff Dobbs to accept the agenda with this amendment, seconded by John Kelly. Motion passes unanimously, 4-0.

ITEM 6 REGULAR BUSINESS

- A. Request from the MDI YMCA to Hold the Annual Acadia Half-Marathon and 10K Race 2021 on the Athletic Field from 7:00 AM to 11:00 AM on Sunday, June 6, 2021.** Mr. Veilleux asked the YMCA for clarification on the date/time of the event. Jennifer Britz representing the YMCA stated this is a one-day event for a duration of 4 hours.
- Mr. Dobbs noted that all events will be subject to Maine CDCs guidelines of public events. John Kelly asked about how approvals should go regarding the current status of CDC guidelines. Ms. Leavitt said we are expecting those using the parks currently to meet the guidelines. Mr. Kelly noted that public use is different than scheduled events which we are reviewing. Mr. Dobbs stated that his best suggestion is for the committee to approve all events and wait to see what occurs with CDC guidelines, etc. The committee agreed that for events to occur it would be contingent upon the event following all CDC guidelines.
- Mr. Dobbs moved to accept the application as presented and can noted that the even can only occur if permitted by Maine CDC, seconded by Mr. Kelly. Motion passed unanimously, 4-0.
- B. Request from the MDI YMCA to Hold the Annual Bar Harbor Bank and Trust Half-Marathon and 5K Race 2021 on the Athletic Field from 7:00 AM to 11:00 AM on Saturday, September 18, 2021. (subject to CDC guidelines)** Motion moved by Mr. Kelly to approve application subject to CDC guidelines, seconded Mrs. Schwartz. Motion passes unanimously,4-0.
- C. Request from the Bar Harbor (MDI) Rotary Club to Hold the Annual Pancake Breakfast and Seafood Festival 2021 on the Athletic Field from 8:00 AM on Saturday, July 3, 2021, to 6:00 PM on Sunday, July 4, 2021 (Rain Dates July 4 – 5, 2021)** Motion moved by Mr. Dobbs to approve application subject to CDC guidelines, seconded by Mr. Kelly. Motion passes unanimously, 4-0.
- D. Request from the YWCA MDI to Hold its Annual Island Arts Association’s Spring Fair in the Park on the Village Green from 8:00 AM on Saturday, May 29, 2021, to 8:00 PM on Sunday, May 30, 2021.**
- Mrs. Schwartz advised there is a current conflict with being on the board and acting as treasurer for both the YWCA and Island Arts Association. Mr. Dobbs moved to recuse Mrs. Schwartz from voting on these applications, seconded by Mr. Kelly. Motion passes unanimously, 4-0.
- Mr. Dobbs moved to approve the application subject to CDC guidelines, seconded by Mr. Kelly. Motion passes, 3-0, 1 recused.
- E. Request from the YWCA MDI to Hold its Annual Island Arts Association’s Labor Day Fair in the Park on the Village Green from 8:00 AM on Saturday, September 4, 2020, to 8:00 PM on Sunday, September 5, 2021.**

Ms. Leavitt confirmed that Mrs. Schwartz was still recused during this upcoming vote.

Mr. Kelly moved to approve the application subject to CDC guidelines, seconded by Mr. Dobbs. Motion passes, 3-0, 1 recused.

- F. Request from the Bar Harbor Chamber of Commerce to Hold its Annual Art in the Park on the Village Green from 7:00 AM on Saturday, June 19, 2021, to Sunday, June 20, 2021.** Mrs. Schwartz moved to approve the application as presented subject to CDC guidelines, seconded by Mr. Kelly. Motion passes unanimously, 4-0.
- G. Request from the Bar Harbor Chamber of Commerce to Hold its Annual Seaside Cinema Series 2021 on Agamont Park from 6:30 PM to 11:00 PM on Wednesdays [July 14, 21, 28; August 4, 11, 18 (Rain Date of August 25); and from 5:30 PM to 9:30 PM on Friday, October 1, 2021 (Acadia Night Sky Festival Viewing).** Mr. Kelly inquired if this event scheduled would still occur for the noted Night Sky Festival as it may not proceed this year. Chris Graten of the Bar Harbor Chamber of Commerce stated that if Acadia canceled the Night Sky event the Chambers events would not proceed. Mr. Dobbs moved to accept the application pending CDC guidelines, seconded by Mrs. Schwartz. Motion passes unanimously, 4-0.
- H. Request from the Bar Harbor Chamber of Commerce to Hold its Annual Acadia Night Sky Festival Solar View 2021 on the Village Green from 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM on Friday, October 1, 2021.** Moved by Mr. Kelly to accept pending CDC guidelines, seconded by Mr. Dobbs – motion passes unanimously.
- I. Request from the Bar Harbor Chamber of Commerce to Hold its Annual Village Holidays 2021 on the Village Green from 3:30 PM to 6:00 PM on Friday, December 3, 2021.** Moved by Mr. Dobbs pending CDC guidelines, seconded by Mrs. Schwartz – motion passes unanimously, 4-0.
- J. Nina St. Germain speaking regarding phone calls and messages sent to committee members about sledding at the ballfield with Kebo golf course being off limits.** Mrs. St. Germain noted about Peter Alley’s plowing at Connors Emerson when the ground is frozen and there is an amount of snow available to create a hill. She stated she is curious if there would be the possibility for something like this at the ballfield. Mr. Kelly asked how this could this be done. Mrs. St. Germain asked if Public Works could do it. Ms. Leavitt discussed town’s current DEP permits, saying there are two ways that snow is removed. The town has the permit to hold our snow for a period so it can be moved off the town pier. Ms. Leavitt worries about plowing up the parking lot and did not feel the activity would be best for the fields. Parking lots are treated, and stockpiling snow from there would be against of our permit. She noted concerns with heavy equipment on the fields which could cause damage and the possibility that town equipment would be contaminated with treatments used for road, meaning other equipment would need to be used. Ms. Leavitt said it would be hard to get staff to work on this project after a long workday after substantial snowfall occurred. Ms. Leavitt said logistically it makes her nervous. The department is already on pressure at times and even with being cleared by DEP – would they have time to even get to that, as it can be difficult currently to clean off Glen Mary for ice

skating. Mr. Veilleux asked Mrs. St. Germain about fundraising for Kebo to pay for maintenance after a season of sledding. Mr. Kelly said all of us like the idea of areas for kids to get out recreating. Unfortunately, we cannot speak on the Kebo issue, he noted, also stating there is no replacement for that sled area. Mr. Kelly also noted caution. He said there are still ways that kids can play in the snow without the extra effort from our Public Works. Mr. Dobbs noted that he would be mentioning this during town council open comments to see if the council could make an agreement with the Kebo board. He said it seems like it would be the best solution for a solution with Kebo to be made. Mr. Kelly noted that, unfortunately, there can be liability issues. Committee agreed on the concerns of Public Works and wishes luck with a resolution to be made with Kebo to allow a tradition to continue.

- K. Public Works Update.** Ms. Leavitt provided a public works update. Ms. Leavitt noted at the initial budget meeting with town council, for the village holiday budget there was an increase. The budget last year was for \$6000, this year \$3000 was added – and now the budget is at \$9000. These funds were increased as the town has been talking about doing more during the holidays. Chris Graten of the Chamber of Commerce said this will help and they are thinking of purchases they can make now to prepare for the end of the year. Mr. Dobbs suggested about going to town meeting for any additional funding needed. Mr. Veilleux asked if funds not used during 4th of July could go to the holiday funding. Mr. Dobbs stated that those funds were reallocated during the budgetary process. Ms. Leavitt stated that per her understanding, money not used in one year like for the 4th of July is rolled over to the new year. Harbor View Park completed but they will be doing some touch-ups in the spring. Mr. Dobbs asked if Ms. Leavitt had spoken to Andy Shea after he did regarding Glenn Mary.

ITEM 7 OTHER BUSINESS - none

ITEM 8

COMMITTEE COMMENTS AND REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA –

Mr. Veilleux made a comment hoping the town can move forward with Kebo so the youth can sled, wishing Nina good luck.

ITEM 9 NEXT MEETING DATE – March 1, 2021 will be next meeting date.

ITEM 10

ADJOURNMENT moved
by John Kelly, seconded by
Amy Schwartz –motion
passed unanimously, meeting
called to close at 5:20pm

Submitted Respectfully,



Amy Schwartz
Committee Vice Chair & Secretary