

## RECREATION GOVERNANCE STUDY COMMITTEE MEETING

Joint Municipal Survey Committee

Meeting Minutes: September 26, 2016

Essex Town Offices, 81 Main Street, Essex Junction, VT 05452

**RGSC Present:** Betzi Bilodeau, Andy Watts (SB alternative), Jason DiRosa, Lori Houghton, Kim Maiberger, Raj Chawla

**RGSC Absent:** Christine Packard, Theresa Fletcher, Max Levy, Michael Smith, Erika Baldasaro

**Administrators present:** Brad Luck – EJRP, Ally Vile – Essex Parks and Rec

**Others present:** George Dunbar, Irene Wrenner (Thrush Lane), Adam Stein (Old Stage Road)

**Call to Order:** Raj called the meeting to order at 7:01pm

**Agenda additions or changes:** Brad asked to move the video updates to the Public Forum planning section of the agenda.

**Public to be heard (on items not on the Agenda):** None

**Motion to Approve Sept. 8, 2016 Minutes:** Motion made by Lori, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andy

**Amendments to Minutes:** Betzi asked what Raj's comments were all about. Raj referenced the Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> minutes; page 2, bullet 4 – "Raj thinks the question should be..." – he wanted to make sure the question also included the Trustees. Andy asked for word clarification on the EJRP budget paragraph. Text edits were made and will be updated. Betzi wanted to be sure that her role "answering" the questions (top of pg. 2) was really just to gather answers to incoming questions but Erika was still the one answering the public.

**Approval of Minutes:** Approved with amendments, 6-0

**Public Forums Planning:** Brad handed out a packet with presentation guidelines for the committee to review that were provided by Marc, the facilitator.

- **Agenda/Moderator:** Brad met with Marc Wennberg today and included his resume in the packet. He was recommended by Kate Brayton. Marc is on board for the two forums this week and is also willing to facilitate the additional four scheduled. Not an Essex resident, doesn't have any prior knowledge of forming a recreation district but has facilitated similar forums in the past. As stated by the CCSU Superintendent, the PC will pay Marc's expenses and a decision on his expenses will be made on the additional four forums at the October meeting. Brad reviewed the proposed agenda and facilitating details provided by Marc. Members discussed the goals/objectives, etc. of Marc's agenda proposal with edits that Brad will take back to Marc.
- **Presentation:**
  - o Brad showed the latest video showing the differences between the two recreation departments. Members requested edits to be made before it is sent out/made live on YouTube or used in the forum presentations.

- Jason walked through the PowerPoint slides. Members requested edits that Jason will make to the presentation.
- **Logistics:** Kim and Ally reviewed the needed items list and small handout with forum details. Brad told the committee that Brian Moreau is available for a very low cost to provide audio during the forums. Members felt comfortable about this audio security.

**Joint Meeting of Selectboard, Trustees & Prudential Committee:**

- **Monday, Oct. 10 @ 7pm @ 81 Main Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room**
- **Presenters:** Jason & Betzi

**Task Team updates:**

- **Transition Team – Ally & Brad**
  - Most updates shown with added presentation slides
- **Flyer – Lori**
  - Updated flyer at municipal offices, libraries, etc.
- **Public Outreach Opportunities – Kim**
  - ETSD open house tables, Seniors, Fall Soccer Saturdays @ the Tree Farm
- **Videos – Brad**
  - Shown earlier on agenda
- **FPF & Essex Reporter outreach – Erika**
  - Ally to add an all-neighborhood post
  - Raj is wondering why RGSC can't have a weekly article. He will contact ER to check on possibility.
  - This week: post about video(s) once edited
- **Web Updates – Betzi**
  - Betzi added "A new, shared entity" to all pages, flushed out Why page, Forum page has new links
- **Web Inquiries – Betzi**
  - One recent question re: preferred suggestion

**Next meeting date/time:** Thursday, October 6 @ 7:30pm, location TBD

**Adjournment:** Raj adjourned the meeting at 10:36pm