

RECREATION GOVERNANCE STUDY COMMITTEE MEETING

Joint Municipal Survey Committee

Meeting Minutes: December 6, 2016

Essex High School, 2 Educational Drive, Essex Junction, VT 05452

RGSC Present: Michael Smith, Kim Maiberger, Lori Houghton, Erika Baldasaro, Raj Chawla, Betzi Bilodeau, Jason DiRosa, Max Levy

RGSC Absent: Christine Packard, Theresa Fletcher,

Administrators present: Brad Luck – EJRP, Ally Vile – Essex Parks and Rec, Marc Wennberg - Moderator

Others present: Samantha Crocker, Aaron Martin, Kim Woods, Braden Woods, Nick Kent, Adriane Martin, Mary Graf, Chuck Vile, Helen Vile, Bridget Meyer, Pam Lamson, Larry Lamson, Candace Morgan, Samantha Quinn, Liz Subin, Linda Myers, Patty LaRose-Kent, Matt Graf, Matt Deming, Denise Cincotta, Dylan Giambatista, Kathleen Laverty, Tim Fagnant, Sue Braten, Richard Braten, Jaime Audette, Christine Dutil, Scott Brown, Hubert Norton, Linda Waite-Simpson, Pamela Rodriguez, Adam Sollace, Ross Muller, Kay Maloney, Carl Houghton, Cindy Shaefer, Mindy Bero, Rich Downing, Mike Dith, Diane Fuchs, Cindy Hooley, John Sheppard, Michele Peliel, Rich Peliel, Tim Jerman.

Call to Order: Michael called the meeting to order at 6:16pm.

Welcome: Michael introduced the moderator: Marc Wennberg. Marc gave an overview of the agenda and process.

Presentation: A 5-minute video was shown: "Parks & Recreation Services in Essex Explained."

Betzi Bilodeau and Jason DiRosa presented the findings of the Recreation Governance Study Committee.

Question & Answer: Members of the audience submitted written questions. The questions were collected, read aloud by the moderator, and answered by members of the committee or recreation staff.

Responses to questions were provided by: Lori Houghton, Erika Baldasaro, Raj Chawla, Betzi Bilodeau, Jason DiRosa, Max Levy, Brad Luck, and Ally Vile.

Opportunity to be Heard: Marc Wennberg explained the process for the opportunity to be heard. He reviewed the ground rules. Members of the audience were given the opportunity to speak once, for up to one minute.

During the opportunity to be heard, the following individuals provided comments: Bridget Meyer, Matt Deming, Tim Fagnant, Richard Braten, Linda Waite-Simpson, Mindy Bero, Rich Downing, John Sheppard, Michele Peliel, and Melinda Hemelis.

At the conclusion of the Opportunity to be Heard, there was a short break.

Business Meeting: At 7:43p.m. the meeting reconvened for the business portion.

Public to be Heard on Items Not on the Agenda: none.

Approval of November 16 & December 6 Minutes: Jason DiRosa moved approval of the November 16 and December 6, 2016 minutes. Raj Chawla seconded the motion. The minutes were approved 8-0.

MINUTES SUBJECT TO CORRECTION BY THE RECREATION GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE. CHANGES, IF ANY, WILL BE RECORDED IN THE MINUTES OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE.

Dissolution of Recreation Governance Study Committee: Erika Baldasaro moved to dissolve the Recreation Governance Study Committee. Raj Chawla seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0.

Adjournment: Michael Smith adjourned the meeting at 7:52pm.