

Recreation Department Meeting
13 April 2024
10:00 AM via Zoom

In Attendance via Zoom: Anne Jobin-Picard, Laura Miraldi, Mike Simanskas, Kathy Simanskas, Andrea Carbone

1. **Call to Order**: Meeting was called to order at 10:04 AM by Co-Chair Anne Jobin-Picard.
2. **Administrative Work**:
 - *Approve 3-23 Minutes* - Minutes from the prior meeting were discussed and approved.
3. **Planning**:
 - *Review Call for Volunteers* - A new call for volunteers will be sent out at the end of April/early May. A discussion followed regarding membership and how individuals associated with the Recreation Department are to be considered, whether they are members or volunteers. Vermont League of Cities & Towns will be contacted to determine the statutory requirements of the Department, if any. Laura Miraldi stated that a quorum for meetings hinges on the number of members, so keeping the number lower, with members being limited to the two appointed chairs, would allow for more flexibility in conducting meetings. Chair Jobin-Picard would like clarity on this subject, and it should then be discussed. It was confirmed that the two chairs have not been sworn in for their roles, and that they may do so with the Town Clerk during regular Town Office business hours.
Action: Anne and Carmine will issue a call for volunteers in late April/early May and Andrea will monitor responses to the ILMRec@gmail.com inbox.
Action: Andrea will contact VLCT regarding department membership requirements.
Action: Anne and Ruth will be sworn in at the Town Office.
 - *Third Thursdays* - The first Third Thursday will be June 20th. Chair Jobin-Picard has recruited an additional speaker to host a "Backyard Birding" session on a Thursday, in addition to C.I.D.E.R and AgeWell. Kathy Simanskas' brother has volunteered to perform at one of the Thursdays and volunteers for the other Thursdays will be recruited for following his selection of a date.
Action: Kathy will confirm a date for her brother to perform at a Third Thursday event.
 - *Call for Talent* - Chair Jobin-Picard reviewed the text, all agreed it was suitable for release. Coordination of the volunteers will be via email and a schedule will be established in fifteen-minute intervals, if necessary.
Action: Anne and Carmine will issue a call for talent in late April/early May and Andrea will monitor responses to the ILMRec@gmail.com inbox.
 - *Bike Workshop* - If viable, the workshop will be held on a weekend during the summer. Michael and Kathy Simanskas will reach out to their friend who repairs bikes to possibly conduct the workshop, and LocalMotion may also be a resource for a potential moderator for the session.
Action: Michael and Kathy will advise on a possible bike workshop moderator. Andrea will speak with Mary-Catherine Graziano to connect with a LocalMotion resource.
 - *Activity + Photo Waiver* - Laura Miraldi overviewed a presentation she has prepared for the Selectboard to reconsider their mandate of a waiver requirement at all Recreation Department events. Kathy Simanskas will partner with Laura Miraldi on the presentation to the Selectboard in May.
 - *Isle La Motte Community Organization (ILMCO) Partnership* - Laura Miraldi advised that ILMCO will be reaching out to the Recreation Department for assistance with Music in the Park, and that they have requested complimentary use of the tent for the event. The Recreation Department's plan to hold an event in the Park on the day of the town-Wide Yard Sale was approved by ILMCO who will advertise the Park activities on their flyers. Staffing of the event will be discussed at the next meeting to ensure adequate volunteers are available to commit to the June date.
Action: Approve complimentary use of tent for ILMCO's Music in the Park.
Action: Discuss Yard Sale event proposal and determine if volunteers are available to staff the event.
 - *Other Ideas for Workshops* - This will be discussed in the weeks to come, following the call for talent.

4. **Other Business:** There was no additional business to discuss.

5. **Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:38 AM, motioned by Anne-Jobin Picard, seconded by Andrea Carbone, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted on 18 April 2024 -
Andrea Carbone

Anne Jobin-Picard

Ruth Casey