

**Town of Northfield
Recreation Committee
Meeting Minutes November 9, 2015
Municipal Building 6:00 p.m.**

Attendees: Sally Davidson, Michele Langley, Heidi Passalacqua, Scott Amell (members); Ken Goslant Selectman-liaison), Chris Cummings (community member USSSA softball representative new to community); absent: Bruce Wright

- I. Call to order: 6:10 p.m.
- II. Review and approval of minutes of October 12, 2015: approved.
- III. Old business: Picnic tables: The tables got moved to Northfield Wood products building since last meeting and are able to be stained. They are dry. Sally and Scott will go down Wed 11/11 and stain in morning. Scott will call Dexter Landers Tuesday Morning to coordinate when to get in. He had donated stain. Discussion about which sponsors for the tables have paid. Ken Goslant is going to ask Common Café for a sponsorship instead of Knotty Shamrock even though Kevin had committed to it. Scott has not been able to contact Kevin at all to get the sponsor. We Are still waiting for Subway, and O'Maddi's. b. fields. Where are we at? After last meeting Kenny and Heidi laid out some flags for TDS to dig some "bore" test holes on the bank at Memorial Park. TDS has not had a chance to do this yet as the truck has been in the shop. Eric hopes to have this done within the next couple weeks and will report off hopefully by next meeting. Ray Hudson, Kenny and Patrick Demasi were going to look at the project and had not at time of this meeting. Scott reported that he knew John Diebold had measured inside of field of park for ballfield and will contact John Diebold for marking the measurements we need. Michele will look up current recreation grants that might be available to us she had not from last meeting. Sally reported she has a small committee for working with the Christmas tree project team up with TDS. Jodi and Jack Leonard have volunteered to help. Currently there are lights up on the tree on the common and there will be lights added to it. The tree is diseased though and will likely come down next year. The committee has another tree in the works however donated by McKain Christmas trees. The tree will be planted around electrical box and monument where it is less likely to interface with monument. Sally said that the plan is to decorate around common on posts, and telephone poles around bridge. The decorations may need replacement. Discussed if we had funds for this or if we should go to other places for this. Suggestion is to go to area banks-Northfield Savings Bank. Sally will discuss this with committee.
- IV. Public participation: Chris Cummings introduced himself from the committee and discussed his affiliation with USSSA softball programs. He is new to the Northfield area. He spoke of his affiliation with the youth with softball within the Bethel area and his history with building programs from fundamentals through elite programs within the southern regions. He spoke of his thoughts with now moving into Northfield and utilizing the fields and building programs within Northfield. The group provided him with Scott Culver for Little League and Frank Hall for middle level softball and contact information for softball through high school.

- V. New business: winter carnival date: 3/11-3/12/16. This is during Norwich spring break, but group thought would be better than previous February time frame. Most things may be inside, with some events outside. Discussed collaboration with conservation committee on the cross country skiing and sliding. Scott will talk to Luke Foley for STAR program to help. Sally will call Christine Barnes for conservation committee to give dates. Scott to talk to Kevin Reed about donating ice time on Sunday or possibly during some other time that weekend, but there is hockey playoffs that weekend. Heidi will contact Geoff Farnam about indoor or outdoor volleyball tournament. Sally spoke with Laura Ranker from scouting (Nathan Ranker mom). Nathan is not able to work on the Eagle scout project(the project at the park with the pavilion) as he is working with a different group. Laura suggested that Ethan and another un named person work together on their Eagle Scout project versus just letting it go. Sally made some calls and has not heard back. Laura spoke with Ethan and Joe suggesting he come to meeting to f/u with committee on why he cannot complete project himself. She (Laura-who is a leader of a Scout troop) offered to go to Montpelier or Barre to other scouting groups. Kristen Gadbois had planned to come to group to discuss some grant planning options. She was unable to get to this meeting, but will plan on next meeting. Group planned to discuss its deal with the budgets. Currently we reviewed the last we knew of we had \$3918. In donation and \$6953 capital improvement fund. Heidi mentioned that NAHA is once again discussing need for ice. Discussed options for ice, including park now that we could have a hydrant or pump hydrant put in to maintain a “frost” free way of having water at park since sewer and water line placed. Discussed past places and what our abilities and “energy” is. Bottom line is it’s a lot of work for maybe a little time depending on the weather. Heidi will notify NAHA of option to see if they would like to do, or if there are groups willing to combine efforts(ie: fire station, NAHA, parents).
- VI. Next meeting Monday December 14, 2015 at 6pm
- VII. Adjournment