

**Town Of Northfield
Recreation Committee
Meeting Minutes September 12, 2016
Municipal Building 6:00 P.M.**

Attendees: Sally Davidson, Michele Langley, Heidi Passalacqua, Chris Cummings, Scott Amell, Rob Korrow (community member). Absent: Jessica Amell, Bruce Wright, Ken Goslant

- I. **Call to order:** 6:40 pm
- II. **Review and Approval of Minutes August 8, 2016.** The meeting minutes discussion. Sarah Capron was listed in "Absent" in original minutes. Changed and re-sent to members. Approved with changes.
- III. **Public Participation Unscheduled:** Rob Korrow, representing a number of area organizations, one of them being Dynamos soccer mentioned that as of January 2017 "Doyon Field" where Dynamos Soccer Club currently plays soccer will no longer be able to play there as the Catholic Church will be taking back the property for the cemetery use. The group discussed various solutions (this is ongoing) of utilizing assist from Norwich, using Falls field, Memorial Park, and made suggestion for wind ridge camp in Roxbury as well. He is also interested in potentially staying involved in committee as member.
- IV. **Old Business: Reports:**
 - a. **Picnic Tables:** plaques have been place on tables from various businesses and Michele has invoice from John Dewey. Discussion about when the 6th table and who we can get it from. Discussion about keeping local, and getting info for Jeffrey Ott. Sally said she would get his information and find out how much he charges and if he can make one for us. Certain tables in summer will stay in certain places while others will rotate. We will need to stain the final table, and get tables into pavilion of pool.
 - b. **Youth Activity and Demonstration Day @ Memorial Park August 20th:** Activity day was attended by several families. Many were there to sign up for soccer but also signed up for Hockey as well. The scouts attracted some people from families stopping by for soccer. We will build on this day and maybe have the same time frame or the week before the pool closes. BBQ went well. A bill has been submitted a couple weeks ago for payment which raised discussion about how payments and donor intent runs. Chicken, brownie mix, charcoal, and containers is what bill will be. The total take was given to Laurie at town for \$780.00 (30 was from donations). In the end

somehow even with counting out by several people \$760.00 was deposited. Some of the shirts from the recreation committee were there and given out to the group participants.

- c. **A List of Maintenance:** The roof of the dugout in the falls that came off in a wind storm is repaired by a volunteer but needs to be mounted onto the structure. The volunteer (Bruce) had not communicated he was doing this repair except to a couple of people. Discussion about general need for communication of needs especially regarding what needs to be done regarding maintenance for recreation committee.

1. In addition to the roof, the bleachers in the falls, the locks in the cement building need to be replaced.
2. Bleachers in Park need to be replaced on visitor's side or just plain disposed of. These things are in the interest of safety.

In general it is the committee thought that the town manager who should act as park director as we are volunteers as we communicate our needs for maintenance

- d. **Memorial Park Restroom:** tabled at this moment as we are going to build pavilion first. Now looking at structure sizes.
- e. **New Softball League.** There will be a new softball league being formed for spring 2017. Northfield will have little league softball for 8-12 year old girls in each division. 4 divisions (Northfield, Northfield Falls, Williamstown and Roxbury). Charter still to be filled out. Chris Cummings is working with the school to fill out forms, establish a charter, etc. He will be filling out the paperwork. .

V. **Next meeting: Monday October 10 2016 6:00 p.m.**

VI. **Adjournment**