

Barrington Recreation Department

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Recreation Commission Work Session Minutes

April 15, 2024

Barrington Town Gym- 5:00pm

Present: Dale Sylvia, Scott Ramsey, Brian Collopy, Fred Testor, Jessica Tennis, Sarah Bailey

Guests:

Selectboard Liaison: Not in attendance

Call to Order: Dale called the meeting to order at 5:05pm

Jessie met with the Mark from the Highway Department to look at the Summer Camp Shed and determined that it is too rotted to lift and refurbish. Jessie mentioned that money may need to be earmarked to replace the shed. The Commission discussed potential replacement options for the shed.

Jessie presented the CIP that the Recreation Department submitted to the Planning Department and discussed where department priorities were and what current opportunities are.

The Commission discussed goals, history and growth of the Department.

Dale expressed that the Department has spent most money on infrastructure improvements and that the next expenditure should be on something that will benefit the community as a whole directly for recreational uses. Fred mentioned keeping the TIF in mind while prioritizing projects to avoid redundancy.

The Commission discussed the pros and cons of multi use courts, a pavilion, sand volleyball court in conjunction with the necessary shed for camp.

The Commission's consensus was to prioritize the pavilion. They discussed long and short term goals for the shed. The Commission determined that keeping the shed for another year and moving forward with the pavilion being 30' x 70' with the last 10' being enclosed for storage. The Commission discussed how much they were comfortable approving for the project. Dale motioned to authorize up to \$175,000.00 to construct a pavilion. Brian seconded the motion. Vote unanimous.

Jessie mentioned that the Department will be working on transitioning into a Parks and Recreation Department over the next year.

Jessie informed the Commission that the Elementary school is looking at an addition that may impact field space and recreational programming. As the plans develop the department will explore options for field space.

The Commission discussed the TIF Advisory Board. Jessie asked if anyone would be interested in serving. Scott, Brian and Fred said they would be open to learning more.

The commission discussed the next meeting and decided to move the meeting to Monday, May 13 at 5:30pm.

Brian motioned to adjourn at 7:05, Scott seconded. Vote unanimous.