

Town of Northfield Public Meeting – Minutes

  
Approved  
July 5<sup>th</sup> 2023  
Chair Josh Roman

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Name of the board, committee, or commission: Northfield Recreation Commission

Location of meeting (physical address): 69 Main Street, Northfield MA 01360

Date and time the meeting convened: 6/7/2023 at 6:30pm

Members present: 1) Josh Roman (JR) - Chair; 2) Bob Emberley (BE) – Vice Chair; 3) Laura Fries (LF) Pool Advisory Group Coordinator and 4) Courtney Lawler (CL)

Members absent: 1) Chelsea Depault (CD) – Treasurer

Others in attendance: 1) Stacy Bond (SB) - NRC Secretary/Director

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1) Call to Order and determine quorum

A) 6:37pm Chair (JR) called to order and quorum present.

2) Citizen Input/Guests

A) None

3) Review and approval of minutes from May 3rd, 2023.

A) Motion made to approve minutes from May 3rd, 2023 by BE, seconded by LF, vote all yea.

4) Chairs Report

A) Nothing additional

5) Baseball/Softball field upgrades

A) Fertilizer donation from Nutrien Ag (JR's work) was put down at NES and WNP by Snows!

Grass looks good! In fall, will do seed too! Thank you Nutrien Ag and Snows (and JR)!!

B) Noticed some grass coming through the new fields. Need to rake. JR still planning on grabbing infield conditioner and hope to put in FY June 2023.

6) Summer Movie Nights

A) Due to the delay in the Northfield Drive-In opening, JR had the great idea of doing some summer movie nights. He has a projector, BE has speakers. Maybe do later in July? Family friendly movie. Need permit? Do on a Friday or Saturday. Bring food or maybe we do popcorn? Date?

7) Track and Field

A) Amy Neil, Pioneer's Track and Field coach, is volunteering to do a free introduction to track and field. 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> grade 1x/week on Wednesdays, July 5<sup>th</sup> to Aug 9<sup>th</sup>. Max # of kids? Sign up with waiver. 5:30-6:30pm.

B) JR will email Gretchen Licata for approval of facilities usage at Pioneer.

8) Pickleball

A) Idea was raised to talk to Erving Rec about utilizing their tennis courts for outdoor Pickleball?

8) Weight Room update

A) Done until November. Will reassess days/times as last year there was low attendance.

9) Adult exercise class update



- A) For the summer, exercise classes are moving to the tent at the Northfield Golf Course because it is too hot in the gym at NES during the summer. Will be back to NES in the fall. Thank you to the Northfield Golf Course for offering the space at no cost!
- 10) Pool Advisory Group
- A) CL confirmed Vernon Pool pass is good to go from Vernon Recreation Commission as well as the Dickinson Library and will email SB the invoice to get to CD for the season passes. Opens June 16<sup>th</sup>.
- B) LF wondering if we are all still interested in trying to organize a pool party at Camp Northfield's Pool this summer?
- C) Idea of swim lessons came up.
- D) SB spoke with Dr. Cain at TAC about use of their pool. Reasons of insurance were why they can't let outside groups rent it. LF will try to follow up on the discussion.
- 11) Summer Program update
- A) SB just finished with six Summer Councilor job interviews with the new Director and Assistant Director, and will move to three final interviews before choosing two part-time Summer Program Councilors. Very strong number of applicants (mostly teenagers) and well qualified!
- B) The Kiwanis donation is about half way gone to summer program participants!
- 12) Treasurer's report
- A) CD gave SB an overview via the phone since she was unable to attend meeting. Gave estimate of approximately \$3500 left before end of fiscal year. Motion by BE to use those remaining funds to purchase any needed additional equipment (from a wish list that was made at meeting) by SB and/or JR before June 30<sup>th</sup>. Seconded by CL. All yea.
- B) Wish list: Basketball score cards, Jr. soccer nets/collapsible nets, storage in gym for basketballs/etc., summer program needs, more full-size basketballs, and more t-balls and baseballs.
- C) CD asked that any reimbursements get to her ASAP since we are at the end of FY 2023.
- D) Need to spend down our revolving to \$10K. "Use it, or lose it."
- E) There was a question of where the funds come from to cover the Directors monies paid by ARPA this year, and was told to talk to Town Administrator to make sure they go to correct location in the NRC budget line item. SB got answer needed.
- 13) CPC update
- A) Nothing new to report
- 14) Adult pick-up basketball/soccer update
- A) BE reports that basketball is all done. Likely participation rates dropped due to the nicer weather. Will pick back up late fall.
- B) Soccer is Tuesdays at 5:30pm until end of June.
- C) Softball will also be Tuesdays at 5:30pm beginning July 11<sup>th</sup> at NES.
- 15) Summer basketball 3 v 3
- A) Brian Winslow unfortunately doesn't have the time to make this happen this summer.
- 16) Baseball, Softball, Tee ball update
- A) Going well, almost over.
- B) NRC received an anonymous donor who wants to help replace the backstop at WNP for the girl's softball (too short). SB started making phone calls to commercial fencing companies but no return calls yet. LF will help!
- C) THANK YOU cups to our volunteer coaches: Chris Goddard, Jenn Selivanoff, JR, Lance ?, Mike Barry and anyone we are missing.
- 17) 350<sup>th</sup>
- A) NRC has a banner for the 350<sup>th</sup> parade after doing the Memorial Day parade!



B) Softball game low key. Need minimum of 9 players with extras. Already have some players for it. Other possible players were mentioned. Time starts at noon. Want to get t-shirts that combine NRC and Northfield's 350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

18) Woo Sox trip

A) 24 tickets were purchased! Happening this Sunday!

B) Next time, will try to organize around the softball and baseball's schedule so they can attend!

19) Director's report

A) Will look into creating a part-time maintenance position with teenagers in mind to help with NRC duties such as: lining field, redo pickleball lines as needed, trash, rake baseball and softball fields weekly during nice weather, clean/organize storage containers as needed, yearly inventory, maintain air in balls, etc. Thinking up to 10 hours a month.

B) SB is asking those who receive credit to help them pay for the summer program, write a thank you note to the Kiwanis.

C) Dickinson Library has asked to borrow some lawn games for their 125<sup>th</sup> celebration. Will be borrowing corn hole, hula hoops, and cross net. LF will help SB get out and bring to library on Friday at 11am.

D) Banner for the Memorial Day parade was only \$40 from Silverscreen design in Greenfield. JR feels that that banner will be sufficient for the 350<sup>th</sup> and don't need any extra.

E) For financial help, committee agreed "first come, first served."

F) Due to summer program just starting back up, and being light on attendance, NRC allowed a few children to register that would have otherwise not been able to with a larger number of kids.

G) Numbers were peeling on baseball t-shirts. Silverscreen offered to fix and also give discount.

H) BE was re-elected to NRC until 2024 town vote.

I) New principal (Kristen "Krissy" Schreiber) will be starting at NES on July 1<sup>st</sup>. SB will meet with her.

20) Topics not reasonably anticipated by the chair 48 hours in advance

A) None

21) Schedule next meeting July 5th, 2023 at 6:30pm at Town Hall

22) Adjourn

A) A motion was made to adjourn at 8:11pm by JR, seconded by CL, vote all yea.