

Groton Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 7 at 7:00pm -- Online (Zoom)

Meeting called to order by Michael Gaiss at 7:11pm.

Minutes from last meeting (Aug. 21, 2019) approved.

Agenda

Recap activities over the last year

- We offered numerous outdoor activities in 2020 such as fishing, biking, and snowshoeing. We also hosted a virtual yoga and hip-hop dance series.
- Our programming in the past years has adapted to the volunteers involved (interests and time) and the conditions (Covid).

Upcoming initiatives (April-Oct)

- CV Run (Sep 2021): Currently scheduled for the first Saturday in September. A waitlisted sign up is beginning soon but it is too soon to know if the event will be held (Covid).
- Music in the park: In previous years, this was initiated by Artesano, or, the Historical Society/Methodist Church collaboration. Too soon to know if we can pursue for this year (Covid).
- Library Programs w/ Rec: Too soon to know what the library will be able to plan for this summer, but a program that Rec Com might be able to help support is an outdoor family movie night -- perhaps with music prior to movie.
- Community Garden: This will be voted on at the next Selectboard meeting. Location is not yet decided. Rec Com may be able to help with purchasing seeds, plants and/or hosting related programs such as master gardeners or cooking classes. Jennie will look into types of programming that other towns are doing related to gardens. Lisa suggested using the new town hall kitchen appliances..
- Community Biking & Community Hiking: Michael is thinking of an alternating schedule of hiking and biking for the summer, perhaps 1 time per month for each with a May start.
- Community survey: Something to consider for the future. Perhaps Town Meeting Day 2022 would be a good time to catch folks in-person and then do online outreach after that.
- New Dugouts at Puffer Field: We discussed hosting an Opening Day ceremony to celebrate the addition of new dugouts and thank all those who contributed time, materials and energy to the cause. Lisa will talk with Carrie, who coaches a girls softball team, to learn more about when the season is scheduled to start.

Review Budgets & EOY spending

- What we don't use out of Rec Com budgeted amount each year goes to the fund balance.
- Money is voted on to go into Rec Com reserves at Town Meeting each year. Currently the reserve is around \$14,000, which can be used for special projects/programs.

Open Discussion

- Perhaps we could work with the Community Club in the future?
- Perhaps we could meet with other town groups periodically during the year, such as 4 times per year as Peacham does, to plan & collaborate?

Set Date & Time for next meeting: Tentatively set for August, 2021 -- or sometime sooner if things change with Covid guidelines to change outlook for in-person programming.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

Attendees: Michael Gaiss, Jennie Gaiss, Anne Hatch, Lisa Hart.