

## **Recreation Committee**

### Meeting Minutes

January 6, 2025          6:00PM

Deerfield Town Hall

Present:          Beth Brown, Emily Bedell, Gretchen Bysiewski, Eileen Skribiski-Banack, Meg Washburn

Absent:          Rod Warnick, Jeff Galli

Guest:          Sue Antonellis

Meeting called to order by Gretchen

Motion made to accept minutes from September 25, 2024

Motion: Gretchen          2<sup>nd</sup>: Eileen          Vote: Yes

### **CPA Funding:**

The Recreation Committee received 3 requests to endorse project funding.

1. Tri-Town Beach Commission requests \$16,000 to replace the dock at the beach. The total cost is \$32,000.00 with a request sent to the Town of Whately for the other half.

Tri-town is a widely used facility by community members for swimming. They have also recently added kayaks and paddleboards for all to use.

Motion to endorse using \$16, 000 of CPA funds for docks.

Motion- Gretchen 2<sup>nd</sup> Beth Vote yes

2. The Open Space Committee requests \$7,000.00 for a feasibility and design study to plan a network of trails on the Pocumtuck Ridge. The total project cost is \$50,000.00 for a grant with the town cost being \$10,000.00 and \$3,000.00 being made in kind donations.

Motion to endorse using \$7,000.00 of CPA funds for Pocumtuck Ridge feasibility study.

Motion- Gretchen 2<sup>nd</sup> Beth Vote yes

3. Darius Modestow on behalf of the Deerfield School Committee requests \$886,959.95 for new ADA accessible playground equipment.

The committee would like more information in regards to seeking grants and other bids.

They would also like to know how much is in the CPA fund for recreational use.

They will revisit the request when they receive more information.

### **Recreation Budget 2025**

The budget includes \$69,548 for Sue's salary, \$469 longevity pay and \$2,500 for transition pay. Sue will be retiring August 31, 2025.

Motion to accept budget- Gretchen 2<sup>nd</sup> Meagan Vote- yes

### **Soccer**

There were no problems during soccer season. Referees were dependable and coaches did a good job.

### **Basketball**

Just had the first week of basketball. Sue will speak to coaches and players regarding unsportsmanlike conduct.

**Ice Skating at Eaglebrook**- Sunday nights January 5-February 9 5-6PM

**Luminary Night**- Valentine's Day February 14 6-9PM Sue has bags and votive candles or the community can purchase their own.

**Baseball** – There will be a meeting January 29 to discuss possible changes.