

Recreation Commission meeting

November 18, 2020 – 6:30 pm

In Attendance: Dina Cutting, Judy Brotman, Denette Guerin, Hayes Greenway, Chris Pratt, Steve Small, Luke Prince, Yolanda Bujarski, Andy Miller, Kati Miller

Meeting opened at 6:35 pm.

Steve Small began with a recap of the fall soccer program (see November 2020 report).

After a lengthy discussion, it was the consensus of the commission that basketball will not be feasible this year given pandemic concerns. Dina moved that the commission not run a basketball program this year. Judy seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved.

Ski Commissioner Andy Miller discussed possible alternatives to the standard ski program, again given the challenges due to the covid-19 pandemic – such as minimizing school teacher/administration involvement, the Skiway lodge will be closed, and 30-40 kids will need to be bussed to the Skiway, kids will need to change on the bus or in private cars, no carpooling, instructor volunteers may be scarce. Following another involved discussion, Judy moved that the commission not run the ski program this year, but suggested that a smaller “ski-club” program be set up under the commission. Chris seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Andy Miller agreed to explore the club concept further. Chris and Luke volunteered to help!

Cross Country skiing was discussed. It may be possible to run this program out of the school, utilizing the existing class cohort groups. The students involved in this activity may need early release. The school will need to be contacted to see if it is feasible to run the activity out of the school. Steve will also contact the Town’s health officer (Michael Hinsley) for his advice on how to approach this activity safely, and will survey the parents to ascertain their support for cross country skiing this year.

The next meeting of the Recreation Commission will be November 30th at 6:30 pm, at which time the cross country skiing program will be discussed and either approved to go forward, or tabled for the year.

/s/ Judy Brotman