

TOWN OF KENNEBUNK

Committee Name: Recreation Committee

Date of Meeting: 2/1/17

Check One:

Member Names:	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>
Tyler Stewart	✓	
Greg Searle	✓	
John Hackett	✓	
Jonathan Whitehouse		
Shiloh Schulte		
Judy Milligan	✓	
Eddie St. John	✓	
Julia Milligan		
Olivia Aiken	✓	

Summary of the Meeting: *See Attached Minutes*

Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting 2/1/17
Meeting called to order at 4:31 PM

Attendance was taken by the Tyler

Tasha went through the Monthly Report. All of our programs are going very well. Our ski programs have both been well received. Next winter we will be offering a one-day program to Sunday River to give residents an opportunity to see what we are offering without having to commit to a 4 or 5-day program.

Youth Center – Ryan continues his analysis of the utilization of this asset. He has seen an increase in attendance for high school students while there has been a slight decrease in middle school students' participation. He will be offering rides, via our van, for middle school students who may not be able to take advantage of the facility due to transportation issues. Ryan has noted that the students coming into the building are spending more time there and fewer people are leaving the building early. Special events, such as the New Year's Dance and Nerf Night, are increasing participation. Bringing new students into the building is a key to building overall numbers participating on a regular basis.

The 2016-17 Budget meeting was on the monthly report. Tasha took a few minutes to discuss this with the group. Her thoughts were that she and her staff have everything in order, there are no big expenses in the pipeline, and revenues have been good. She was confident that there would be no big issues/questions with what has been put together.

John Hackett brought up a proposal of Parks and Rec providing a fitness area for our senior residents. He provided three proposals for both new and used equipment. This is something that had been brought up to him by a member of the staff for Saco Bay Physical Therapy who had a hand in a similar facility provided by the Recreation Department in Fairfield, CT. Certainly not something to act upon short term but something that we could possibly take a look at long term. Obviously, this is more than a simple cost of equipment. There are a number of concerns/questions regarding the implementation of this type of facility.

Finished up with a discussion on the updating of our By-laws. Merton Brown attended tonight's meeting to give us his thoughts. The first thing brought up was the use of the word Commission vs. Committee – moving forward we will go with the Kennebunk Parks and Recreation Committee. Discussed the make of the committee – number of regular members, student members, and alternates. Briefly discussed our voting process and the duties of the three officers. Tyler will be making his final adjustments to the updated By-laws and will get these out to us by 2/17/17 so we can review and vote on it at our next meeting.

Meeting adjourned 5:21 PM