

Ludlow Recreation Committee

Minutes of

December 14, 2021

Present: Nick Miele, Jeannie Stasz, Scott Baitz, Marissa Selleck, Joe Gurdak

Community member: Gary Blodgett, Mariel Meringolo, Jake Parker, Chris Hurka

Call to order at 4:47 p.m.

Comments from Citizens:

- Jeannie mentioned she had many inquiries regarding the annual Thanksgiving trot and hopefully we can bring it back next year, she also mentioned that while Nick was on vacation, she had received calls regarding having Santa come to Ludlow, Otis is having Santa come to Ludlow on December 18th at 6:00 p.m. and the National Guard will be driving thru Ludlow with Santa at approx. 5:40 p.m. on December 22nd. Will be staying for approx. 15 minutes.
- Gary Blodgett proposed that we have public skating and cross-country trails available this winter, and suggested Fletcher Farm for cross-country skiing, Nick advised us that Fletcher Farm area does not get plowed out. Mariel suggested that we talk to Bruce to possibly rent the Ice House during certain times for the local residents, Scott B. recommended we wait to talk to Bruce about the skating until after the holiday season. Mariel also mentioned that we should contact Troy Caruso for the usage of the golf course for cross country skiing.

Approval of Minutes:

- Scott B. made a motion to approve the minutes as printed, Joe 2nd the motion.

Director's Report:

- Youth basketball practice has begun with games starting in January. There is no kindergarten team nor 3-4 grade girls' team.
- Adult volleyball and basketball have had a large turnout with between 11-18 people participating. Adult indoor soccer will be played on Sundays from 12:00 to 3:00.
- Ludlow Parks and Recreation Department is participating in the 1st annual Ludlow Village Festival of Lights presented by Mary W. Davis Realtor & Assoc. More lights have been added to the "tank" along with Rudolph, additional lighting has been added that synchronized with music. The display runs from 3:45 to 9:00.

Old Business:

- Mountain Bike Park and Skateboard Park: Scott Murphy decided to submit the Skateboard Park application for the VOREC community grant.

New Business:

- Gary Blodgett proposed putting an article on the ballot with a list of projects for the upcoming year, there are two different ways to do so, submit a petition with 85 names or the Selectboard could submit it. Gary asked if we all supported this article and everyone agreed. Scott B. suggested we have some accurate figures for each of these projects before submitting to the board, Gary felt that approx. \$150,000 would be a fairly accurate figure to get these projects completed. Items to include phase 1 of the bike park, and preserving current area near school, paving and repair current tennis courts, new playset at Dorsey Park, repaving West Hill.
- Nick was meeting with the Selectboard after our meeting to go over his proposed budget, Marissa and Gary also attended.
- It was agreed that we had to have a meeting with accurate figures for this article prior to meeting with the Selectboard on January 3rd. We will have a special meeting on Tuesday, December 28th at 4:30 at the community center.
- Next Special Meeting:

December 28th at 4:30 in the Community Center
- Next Regular meeting:

January 11th at 4:30 in the Community Center
- Motion to adjourn was made by Jeannie, with a second from Scott. Meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeannie Stasz/Clerk

Marissa Selleck/Chair

Joe Gurdak

Scott Baitz/Vice Chair

Sue Pollender