

New Gloucester

Parks and Recs Committee

Minutes of March 2, 2020 Meeting

Members Present: *Linda Chase (Select Board Liaison), Kimberly Brusseau, Kathleen Potter, Tom Hardesty*

Guests Present: *Sarah Rodriguez (Gray Parcs Director)*

Town Staff Present: *Morgan Rocheleau*

1. **Approve Minutes of the Last Meeting:** K Brusseau motioned. T. Halstead second. 3-0-1
2. **ERC Update:** They have been looking at the Comprehensive Plan. They also received seeds from RI. Pre-Seeding will begin in May.
3. **Old Business**
 - a. **Program Update**
 - i. **Winter Event**
 1. **Volunteers & Donations:** The Winter Event has been cancelled due to the lack of winter.
 - ii. **Spring/Summer Programs:** M. Rocheleau has been working on programs with the Gray Parks Department i.e. Wooden Softball Bat League, Track & Field, Summer Camps and programming are underway.
4. **New Business**
 - a. **Master Plan for Parc:**
 - i. **Brainstorming Session:** Open discussion with the committee about goals for the Parks Department in the areas of *Future Facilities* (lacking in indoor space, universal access, year-round accessibility) *Programming* (All ages, Fees? Rewards Programs, New/Experimental programs) *Fairgrounds* (How to maximize this location and define it as a Park), *Comp Plan Connections*, *Community Partners* (Open Partnerships are encouraged), *Rowe Station* (need to maximize usage here as well), and *Others* (Promotions need to be more creative).
5. **Budget:** PARC took a huge budget cut from \$104k to \$100K. M. Rocheleau's hours have been reduced to 36 hours. After school Program was cut. There was talk amongst the members to send a letter to the Board about how **crucial** this Department is to have in the town of New Gloucester.
6. **Next Meeting:** Next Meeting will be Monday April 6th, 5:30pm in the Library Meeting Room.

K. Brusseau motioned to Adjoin. T. Halstead second. Meeting adjourned 7:00pm.

