

# **PLAYGROUND & REC. COMMISSION MINUTES**

**Date: Thursday, January 24, 2019**

**Time: 5:00pm**

**Location: Senior Center**

## **Attendance:**

**Present: Bill Scatolini, Jon Stogner, Marc Atkin, CW Zimmer, Emilie Hisgen, Dave Trebbe**

**Absent: Michelle Pastore**

**Guests: Ron Dobosz**

## **I. Meeting Called To Order.**

**A.** Meeting called to order at 5:05PM by Mr Scatolini

## **II. Minutes from Previous Meetings Approved and Accepted.**

Minutes will be submitted at the February meeting

## **III. Bills Submitted for Approval:**

T-Mobile -

## **IV. Correspondence**

## **V. Committee Reports.**

**a.** Country Club - none at this time

**b.** F.O.R. (Bryan Litz) - none at this time

**c.** Community Preservation (C.W. Zimmer) - none at this time

**d.** Selectmen Liaison (Bill Scatolini) - none at this time

**e.** Open Space - none at this time

**f.** Sports Associations/Committees (Bryan Litz)

**Youth Football Program** - Ron started out by stating how much the department really does and all the programs they truly run. It's more than just sports.

75% is sports with the rest of the focus on other programs. He enjoys showcasing the fields for football and supports whatever difficult decisions the board needs to make.

3 options (in or out)

1. Full take over by FYFA
2. Continue under bylaws from last year (minor changes possible)
3. Full Rec Dept take over

Mr. Litz has recommended that if the board maintains FYFA under the Rec Dept umbrella he would like to be part responsible for equipment, selection of coaches, and finances.

Suggested by Mr. Scatolini that each member of the board voice their thoughts on the 3 options stated above and field questions from other members to understand each person's view on the options.

Highlighted Points by Rec Board:

- Football board is a very strong board and in it for the correct reason.
- Wouldn't be responsible to ask them to leave with all the work they have done and the gains they have made.
- Most items are moving in a positive direction.
- Volunteers have been on the decline.
- Football has been working extremely hard to provide a positive atmosphere with volunteers which could help support future rec programs.
- Dept workload compared to a personal issue over the last few months.
- Is Bryan able to work with this group/FYFA able to work with Bryan.
- Concern with what oversight Bryan wants with FYFA.
- Principal before personality.
- Sit down with individuals and figure it out and make it work for the kids.
- Business As Usual!
- Let the FYFA committee and coach liaison work with Bryan during the coaching process.
- Can't offer different agreements to different associations.
- Want to see Rec and FYFA work together
- FYFA has done the workload to be on their own if needed.
- Not ready for them to let them go although they are more than ready.
- Possible sophomore slump with volunteers and keep the program running strong and positive.
- Hard to say you have done A-Z and then let them go.
- Options presented to boards were not all the same and should be the same coming from rec board.
- Concern about the issue being deep rooted.
- Sees a great impact on kids.

