

TOWN GRAY
RECREATION & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
AGENDA • NOVEMBER 9, 2020

**Recreation &
Conservation
Committee
Regular Meeting**

Henry Pennell Municipal Complex
24 Main Street
Gray, ME 04039

6:00 PM

- I. INTRODUCTION/ ROLL CALL**
- II. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**
 - a. Review of minutes from the 10/5/20 meeting
- III. EXERCISE: Develop new charge as a group**
- IV. GRAY REC DEPARTMENT UPDATE/ CHANGES**
- V. GNG PARTNERSHIP UPDATES**
- VI. HALLOWEEN EVALUATION**
- VII. GRAY AND NG RECREATION COMMITTEES JOINT MEETING**

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Mylan corrected the notion that we were not able to vote with only 3 members. The fact is that with only 3 members, 3 meets quorum.

Mylan explained how our Facebook page helps the Recreation Department engage with the community. Ann asked about the type of content and Mylan explained that our content is sales based (letting folks know about upcoming programs) as well as showcasing the fun things we're doing in the community, and making sure that the community knows about the other civic organization activities that are relevant to recreation.

As we discussed the charge for the recreation committee, Mylan mentioned that Deb would like to see Childcare Services called out as the essential service if it seems appropriate when the charge is written.

Sarah and Mylan discussed long-range planning and some elements they'd like to see discussed- Outdoor education, community involvement, and philanthropy for scholarships.

Sarah asked the committee if they preferred to be more specific about the charge new charge or if they preferred to leave it open ended as we recruit new members. The committee thought with open spots it may be important to stay on the vague side of things, leaving the door open for more folks to feel they are able to contribute. Staff explained that it is not appropriate for us to personally recruit members of the community. We can put out open ended advertisements, but we can't gear them towards specific people. There was discussion about what encourages members to join- they feel like they are able to contribute and they feel like they are doing work that is meaningful. The committee agreed that GNG should be showcased in our mission with an emphasis on community events, sports programming, enrichment programming, etc. along those lines of thinking.

Mylan shared that the Recreation Department had worked with the School District and has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$59,500 to help offset the additional expenses created by supporting remote learning. Staff is in the process of working through the process with the district in how exactly to access these funds but we are happy with the collaboration and partnership thus fa.

Sarah shared that the Recreation Director for New Gloucester had submitted his resignation and we were busy working with both Town Managers to come up with a solution that helps continue to support our collaboration. Sarah asked if the committee still supported moving forward towards a combined GNG Department and the consensus was that it still makes sense to view recreation through the GNG lens. Ann supported moving forward in a pilot environment. The committee suggested hosting a joint meeting with the Recreation Committee from New Gloucester.

The committee discussed Halloween updates and recruited some Trunk or Treaters from the committee.

Dean shared updates about the Open Space Committee:

Libby Hill- working with other stakeholders to possibly make a spur off Turkey Trot Trail and lead down to the pond. The town, School District and Endowment leadership are scheduling meetings to finalize agreements on Libby Hill. Another committee will likely be formed to determine control of the property.

The open space committee was schedule to present to the Town Council the information on the solar array and progress.

Dean updated the committee on the mailer and survey that are scheduled to go out shortly.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.