**Merrimack Parks and Recreation Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, 01.16.19**

**Matthew Thornton Room**

**7:00 pm**

Attendees: Laura Jaynes, Christine Lavoie, Tracy McGraw, Julie Poole, Rick Greenier – MYA, Maureen Hall – Senior Citizens Club, Abbie Cote – Student Representative, Kierstin Merlino and Michelle Creswell

Parks and Recreation Director: Matt Casparius

Absent:

Excused: Corey Davenport, Hillary Baird, Peter Albert - Town Council, Brandy Nenez – School Board Representative and Shannon Barnes (alternate) – School Board Representative

Public: Rohan Sreenivasan from Eagle Scout 424 and Subhash Sreenivasan

Start time: 7:01 pm

1 Open Meeting/Introduction

2 Approval of minutes from November 28th 2018

* Christine Lavoie made the motion to accept the November meeting minutes
* Rick Greenier 2nd the motion to accept the November meeting minutes
* 6-0-2 (abstained - Tracy McGraw and Julie Poole)

3 Old Business

* Eagle Scout Project Updates
  + Wasserman Park Lighting Project, Rohan Sreenivasan
    - Finished project in fall of 2018
    - 11 solar powered flood-lights were installed at Wasserman Park
  + Wasserman Conservation Area Information Kiosk, Anthony Milani
    - Kiosk has been installed and just needs to get painted in the spring
  + Wasserman Park Gaga Ball Pit, Ben Haddad
    - Gaga ball pit has been installed
    - Benches will be installed in the spring
* Girl Scout Project Update
  + Hopscotch Court, Girl Scout Troop 10762
    - Town Council gave approval with just one stipulation to look at a different location
* Update from Merrimack Dog Park
  + Dog Park Fund Balance – $1,690.04 (as of 01.02.19)
  + Fundraising Calendar Update – still currently running and raised about $600 to date
* Parks & Recreation Committee Survey - Matt Casparius
  + Survey goes out on social media along with hard copies at different locations in town on 01.17.19

4 Director's Report - Matt Casparius

* Parks & Recreation Budget Presentation to the Town Council
  + Thursday, January 17th at 6:30pm (3rd on the agenda)
* Report on the Annual Holiday Parade & Tree Lighting
  + Parade cancelled due to weather
* Ice Skating Rink is open at Watson Park
  + Skate with a Date Event – Saturday, January 26th 5-8pm
  + Bring your own skates
  + Pizza will be sold
* Summer Camp
  + Registration starts soon
  + Job postings are at Town Hall and on Parks and Recreation website
* Upcoming Special Events
  + 2nd Annual Murder Mystery Dinner - Saturday, February 9th
  + Cupid’s Family Ball - Saturday, February 16th $8 at John O’Leary Community Center
  + 26th Annual Winter Carnival - Saturday, February 23rd from 12-3pm
    - Ice carving
    - Games
    - Raffles
    - Bake sales
    - Snow shoeing

5 Organization Reports

* Senior Citizens Club - Maureen Hall – see attachment for all future events and dates
  + Elections of Officers were held for the following positions:
    - President – Robert Abramo
    - Vice President – Irene Jenness
    - Secretary – Louise Tedeschi
    - Corresponding Secretary – Phyllis Ekins
    - Treasurer – Pauline Begin
    - Assistant Treasurer – Jeannette Popousky
  + Signups for the Newport Play House – Play the Lone Star and Cabaret
  + Feb 11th – installation of the Officers and will host a coffee and sharing table
* MYA - Rick Greenier
  + Member at Large and Secretary positions are open
  + Basketball and wrestling are currently in session with wrestling having upcoming big match
  + Lacrosse, baseball, soccer and softball registration will be opening soon
  + merrimackyouth.org for any info
* Town Council – not present
* School Board – not present
* School Representative – Abbie Cote
  + Midterms are starting
  + Pre-enrollment has started for classes for next year

6 Comments from the Public – was none

7 Comments from the Committee

* Tracy McGraw asked about the Zumba class in Wasserman Park’s Function Hall
* Kierstin Merlino spoke about other future events for winter and summer
* Julie Poole asked if programs were for Merrimack residents only and they are not – anyone is welcome

8 Future Meeting Dates

* Wednesday, February 20th2019
* Wednesday, March 20th2019

9 Adjourn at 7:47pm

* Tracy McGraw made the motion to adjourn at 7:47pm
* Maureen Hall 2nd the motion
* 8-0-0 motion passed

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Creswell