

MINUTES OF THE RECREATION COMMITTEE

June 16, 2021 @ 4:31 p.m.

Committee Members present: Councilor Nancie Cameron, Chair
Councilor Richard Michaud, Vice Chairman
Councilor Martin Pepin
Councilor Crystal Paradis (arrived 4:38 p.m.)

Administration/Staff present: City Manager Bob Belmore
Director of Planning and Community Development Michelle Mears
Economic Development Manager Robin Comstock
City Clerk Jonathan Slaven

The meeting was called to order by Chair Cameron at 4:31 p.m.

APPROVE MINUTES OF APRIL 21, 2021

Councilor Michaud made a motion to accept the April 21, 2021 minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilor Pepin and passed 3-0. Councilor Paradis was not present for this vote.

SOMERSWORTH-BERWICK BRIDGE PLANTERS

Manager Belmore informed the Committee that the bridge is owned by the New Hampshire Department of Transportation NHDOT, Maine Department of Transportation MEDOT, and the City of Somersworth. When asked if Somersworth could install planter boxes on the bridge, NHDOT asked for specifications, however, MEDOT said “no”. Chair Cameron inquired if the City could approach the State of Maine DOT again to see what the organization says. After a brief discussion on type of planter boxes the Committee wishes to install, as well as other options, the Committee reached a consensus to have Manager Belmore reach back out to the Maine DOT.

MISCELLANEOUS UPDATES

Manager Belmore provided a synopsis of Recreation programs including the Running & Cardio Club, Noble Pines Play Program, and informed the Committee that benches have been ordered for Jules Bisson Park as well as the dog park.

Councilor Paradis inquired about a potential clean-up day. Manager Belmore informed Ms. Paradis the event is sponsored by SYC with help from the City’s Public Works Department. Committee members were supportive of seeing if one could be organized.

ADJOURN

Councilor Pepin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor Paradis and passed 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 4:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Slaven, City Clerk

