

Town of Pembroke  
Recreation Commission  
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**Pembroke Recreation Commission**

**Minutes of Meeting of Oct 11, 2022**

**Present:** Eric Hurt, Ginger Comeau, Rachel Quinlan, Tim Folan, Grant Nickerson, and George Grey

**Meeting opened @ 7:34 PM**

**Community Center Update:**

Town Manager Bill Chenard was unable to attend tonight's meeting due to illness. Review of available Community Center Facts Sheet provided by Mr. Chenard's office confirms numbers discussed at last meeting:

Anticipated impact on taxpayers for the already approved \$19M bond is \$127.41/yr, and for the additional \$3.1M being sought would be \$25.95/yr, for a total projected tax impact of \$153.36/yr.

G&R Construction, Inc, of Hanover, MA has come in as the lowest bidder, with the total bid for cost of construction, with alternates including Town Green irrigation, kitchen equipment, and green walks and electrical is \$18,362,000. G&R has an extensive history of constructing municipal projects, including multiple school, DPW and library structures.

**Discussion to Support Community Center:**

As previously voted upon in the last Rec Commission meeting on Sept 13, the Recreation Commission continues to support the Community Center plan. Commissioners discussed opportunities to encourage citizens to attend Town Meeting next week and to vote yes on Article 4 to approve additional funding for the Community Center.

Mr. Grey was able to reach out to Ms. Gretchen Emmetts of the Council on Aging and Mr. Andrew Sullivan of the Friends of the Community Center to discuss strategies to engage voters. Mr. Sullivan provided a flyer for multimedia distribution to support a Yes vote on article 4.

Commissioners discussed additional talking points to include when speaking to voters, including:

- Not all \$3.1M will definitely be used, its the most projected to be needed though the total amount might actually be less once grants are factored in
- At last Town meeting, a majority of voters APPROVED the Community Center Article, with the vote falling 1 single vote shy of a  $\frac{2}{3}$  super-majority
- The funds currently allotted to the Community Center will not be available for use for any other projects
- With current inflation, its is extremely unlikely that the Town will be able to secure an interest rate of 1.8%, as is currently secured on the \$19M bond

- Modifications have already been made minimizing excess in the build to lower overall costs

Town Meeting is scheduled for Wed, Oct 19 at 7pm at the PHS auditorium.

**New Business: Discussion of PYBS Patio Project:**

Commissioners discussed the incipient patio project planned for the frontage of the snack shack. PYBS has not sought approval from Rec Commission or Conservation Commission for installation of patio. While Commissioners endorse the general idea of a fundraising patio, Commissioners want to ensure that all proper channels are followed to approve of installation of patio.

Commissioner Hurt proposes to reach out to Town Manager to provide updates on intended patio plans, as well as to review updated copy of the current lease of the Mattakeesett St. fields to determine if the terms of the lease permit building of the patio.

**Review of Minutes:**

Commissioners reviewed minutes of Sept 13, 2022 meeting. VOTE: Motion to accept the minutes of the Sept 13, 2022, meeting was made by Ginger Comeau, seconded by Grant Nickerson. All in favor.

**Update from Acting Recreation Director:**

Ms. Jessica Fulmine updated Commissioners on status of current programming:

- Currently, there is a staff of 10 for the after school programming.
- Acting Director Fulmine is pursuing use of Magoun St and possible Birch St fields as possible sites of additional programming
- Summer 2023 program is planned to be held at Bryantville Elementary School
- As Acting Director Fulmine has not been able to take time off due to staffing considerations, Commissioners brainstormed possibility of taking 4 days of the week after Christmas off and closing programming for the week to ensure time off for Acting Director Fulmine.

**Next Recreation Commission meeting:**

Wednesday, Nov 16 at 7:30 in the Town Hall Conference Room.

**Adjournment: 9:03 pm**

VOTE: Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Rachel Quinlan, seconded by Ginger Comeau. All in favor. Meeting Adjourned.

Minutes recorded by Rachel Quinlan