



**Newbury Recreation Committee
Minutes: March 1st 2021
Virtual meeting Via Zoom
Meeting number 85241951693**

APPROVED

I. Meeting Called: 6:03pm

Motion by Michael Volpone, seconded Celine Muldowney, to call the meeting to order. Motion approved. Note, all votes were conducted by roll call. Michael Volpone, Chairman read the regulations regarding the conducting of a virtual meeting and the Open Meeting Laws

II. Members Present: Celine Muldowney, David Broll, Mike Volpone, Dave Dempsey and Mark Sandt. . Not present Council on Aging designee, Open Space Committee designee and high school representative.

Guests: Chris Huntress, Huntress Associates, Athletic Faculties consultant.

III. Michael objected an identifying language of the language in the minutes, but did not feel the need to have them amended. Mark motioned, Celine seconded to approve the minutes of the previous meetings as written. Motion passed.

IV. Correspondences: RUSH Northshore provided an application for summer use.

V. Bill Schedule:

There is concern about the invoices from Townsend Oil, January was over \$600 and December's over \$500, which seemed high for non use. It is the understanding of David B. and Mark that the building has not been "winterized", i.e. pipes drained. Rather, some antifreeze might be added to the toilets and the heat is left at about 50 degrees.

V. Old Business:

Basketball Courts: Six bids were received by the due date, though none were within the budgeted amount. A seventh bid was delivered after the due date and therefore

not eligible for consideration. The amount of 7th bid was just over \$131,00. It appeared that there was no "Covid discount", meaning there was no evident reduction in proposed fees due limited work option caused by the pandemic. The committee discussed ways to reduce anticipated costs. Items included: reducing the number of baskets to two, though setting the appropriate base for adding the four additional baskets with funds from next fiscal year. Having the Newbury DPW move excess ground material, Chris thought it would amount to 200 -250 cubic yards. The idea was to move the material to the "knoll" area of the property. Mark questioned whether the Committee has the authority to alter the topography of the property by adding this fill. It was suggested that the material that is moved is placed, graded and seeded on the area to between the proposed court and the septic mound. Dave Dempsey seconded by David Broll to have the reduced number of hop sets ups to two and as an alternate bid add the remaining four. Motion approved. David Broll motioned, seconded by Dave Dempsey to move the reserve soil from site preparation to the area between the proposed court and septic mound. Michael amended, David Broll seconded that the proposal is contingent on approval from the Town Administrator and/or Select Board. Amendment passed, motion passed. Michael asked that we look at the financial account sent by the Town Assistant Account.

Meeting adjourned 6:55PM after Committee approval of a motion by Dave Dempsey and seconded by Mark.

Action Items.

Celine will follow up on propane concern.

Michael will speak to the Town Administrator regarding the moving of the soil.

Next Meeting Scheduled for March 22st, 2021 via ZOOM*. At 6:00pm. Meeting details will be posted at a later date. *If the public meetings are still prohibited by the Governor's office, the meeting will be held virtually, via ZOOM.