



**APPROVE**

**Newbury Recreation Committee  
Minutes: April 4th, 2022**

**I. Meeting Called: 6:01pm**

Celine Muldowney made a motion which was seconded by Dave Broll to call the meeting to order. Approved.

**Members Present:** Celine Muldowney, Mike Volpone, Lucian Densmore, David Broll, Mark Sandt, Cindy Currier as the Council on Aging designee and Alicia Greco, Liaison to the Select Board. Not present David Dempsey and Open Space/Planning designee

Guests: None

**Minutes:** Minutes of the March meeting were approved by the Committee after a motion by Mark and seconded by Michael.

**II. Correspondences:** Mark reported that a Byfield resident, Bernie Carroll approached him and questioned if the community had any plans to create a pickleball court. Mr. Carroll expressed concern that he needed to travel to a neighboring town to have access to a pickleball court.

**Bill Schedule:** In the last billing cycle, Celine signed off on the balance due for the basketball court and the propane (Townsend Oil).

**III. Old Business**

**Canoe Launch /Bridge:** Mark reported that the canoe access point and the bridge replacement is working its way through the Conservation Committee. The Com Con requested environmental review and design be completed. Mark asked if Michael would make an inquiry to the Town Administrator if funds were available from that budget in FY21 or FY22 to accomplish that task.

**Bathroom access:** David B. will confirm DPW that the Field House bathrooms will be open M-F from 2:00pm to 8:00pm and on weekends, from 8:00am to 8:00pm.

**Policy:** The Committee postponed work on the Field House Policy .

**Spending Plan FY23 and Master Plan:** David B. and Mark will meeting with Chris Huntress, an recreational use planner, regarding previously proposed ideas.

IV. New Business.

**APRA Funds:** Celine, Michael and Alicia met with Town Administrator regarding the allocation of the federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The Committee should develop a plan for possible uses if we are to access those funds. Mark and Dave will meet with Chris Huntress, to discuss potential uses for 81 Central Street. Mark suggested that the Committee assess the recreational needs of the residents of Plum island. Mark also suggested that it might be democratic to have the residents of Newbury , vote for, if any, equipment improvements at the Central Street property. The concept is to generate a small list of projects and ask the attendees, at the Annual Town Meeting , to vote on a set number of projects to be completed. for example.

**Basketball Court Signage:** The Committee approved a motion by David B. and seconded by Mark to acquiring 4 sign listing rules for the basketball area. David B. will work with DPW to acquire the signs.

**COA Field House:** The Committee approved a motion by David B. and seconded by Celine to allow the Newbury COA to use the Field House from 10:00am to 11:30 am for scheduled programming on Mondays and Wednesdays.

**Blue Cross Blue Shield:** after discussion, the Committee decided not to pursue this funding.

**Calendar:** Celine will meet with the MyRec representative and the Town of Newbury IT specialist for an orientation to the new software.

Michael want to remind the Committee that the Annual town meeting is on April 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

Next Meeting Scheduled for May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022, at 6:00pm. Meeting details will be posted at a later date.

Meeting adjourned 7:23 pm after the Committee approved the motion by Mark and seconded by David Broll.

Action Items.

All member review Field House Policies for discussion at an upcoming meeting. Mark will redline copy of proposed additions

David B. and Mark will meet with Chris Huntress to discuss possibilities for the central Street property.

David B. will confirm locks for Field House with DPW.

