

FITZWILLIAM RECREATION COMMISSION MONTHLY MEETING

NOVEMBER 14, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT: Terri Robbitts, Bonnie Jones, Bruce Lafond, Catie Caisse, Sheena Royce, and Cindi Beede.

Mrs. Robbitts convened the meeting a 7:00.

1. Yoga: Two trial Yoga classes were held in October (17th and 27th) to help determine if a session would be viable in town. Robyn Hannett offered her time free of charge to instruct. The first night, there were 5 participants in attendance. The second night, there was only one. Cindi mentioned that Harvest Night was held on October 17th, possibly causing a scheduling conflict for possible interested parties. On October 27th, the community received its first snowfall of the season and roads were slippery. Instead of ruling out a Yoga class altogether, the Commission decided to revisit this idea in the spring. These trial classes were a last minute idea at last month's meeting and planned after the newsletter articles were submitted. Therefore, the classes were only advertised on Facebook, perhaps not reaching optimal numbers of community members.
2. Basketball: The deadline for applicants for the 2017 Youth Basketball Coordinator position is Friday November 18th. Registration has been scheduled for Tuesday, December 13th at the Fitzwilliam Town Hall from 5:30-7:00pm. The season will begin with a clinic on January 7th and 6 weeks of Saturday games are scheduled to follow.
3. Surveys: Cindi has read the completed six completed Recreation Surveys that were available at the Spooktacular Fall Fest. The Commission discussed the idea of conducting an online survey (survey monkey) in an attempt to receive more responses.
4. Ski Trails: The Commission decided to review the tax maps and attempt to contact all landowners that are part of the Fitzwilliam Trail system. The Recreation Department decided that landowner permission must be established before any trail work is to be done on their property. They discussed having a meeting and inviting the landowners to discuss the future of the trails. Matt Buonomano stopped by on Thursday November 10th to discuss the trails with Cindi and Deb Favreau. He mentioned the desire to form a committee of landowners to help with trail maintenance. Cindi suggested the trails be maintained and reestablished for hiking and possibly biking (no motorized vehicles), but not groomed and necessarily maintained for skiing purposes. She feels there isn't enough interest in skiing at this location to justify the cost of such work. Terri said there used to be a big group of skiers. Bonnie stated that there hasn't been any interest in the skis at the Pole Barn in many years. Cindi reminded the Commission that it's been difficult to find a groomer and that the trails probably haven't been groomed in almost close to 10 years. Cindi said she'd work on this project.
5. Ice Rink: The Commission discussed the future of the ice rink. There is a question as to whether or not it gets used by the community. Cindi stated that this will be the fifth year for the ice rink (although last year's weather conditions didn't cooperate), and she is not convinced that it is a successful project after all these years. She thought it would have been used more than it

appears to be. She stated that it was a lot of work to set up and maintain. Also, she has had complaints in the past from residents who wanted to use the basketball courts come springtime and had to wait for the rink to melt and be stored. The Commission agreed to think on the matter and decide what to do at next month's meeting scheduled for December 13th (following basketball registrations).

At 8:03, Mrs. Robbitts made a motion for the meeting to adjourn. Mr. Lafond seconded that motion and the motion passed 6-0.