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Sharon Parks and Recreation Committee Minutes

Special Meeting

January 10, 2024 5:30 PM Town Hall

Present: M. Purdy, F. Handelman, R. Aakjar, M. Aakjar, M. Levengood, S. Eldridge, D. Christensen

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: M/M Levengood/Purdy to accept the minutes as written. Motion Carried.

Comment/Correspondence- The 4:30 meeting with the new Board of Selectmen, at which Christensen was reappointed to the Board, was discussed.

M/M Handelman/Purdy to “formally thank Al Tortorella for his years of service”. Motion carried. All were in favor

Old Business:

Little Rascals- The future of the Little Rascals program was discussed. The Board members think that this is an important program and would like to see it continue with increased financial support from the Town. The majority of the families participating in Little Rascals work or live in Sharon. In the 2023-2024 budget there is \$4,000 in the salary line and we estimate \$20,000. additional would be the amount needed to pay a new Director and Assistant Director. There would be income generated from the families who use the program to cover other staff and there is \$4,000 in the line for activities and programs for the campers. M/M Handelman/R. Aakjar that “as of the summer of 2024 it is requested that the Little Rascals program be deemed a public service program and be funded accordingly”. Motion Carried. Everyone voted in favor, no one voted against

Music-R. Aakjar updated the Board on the status of the music lineup for this summer. He said the Sharon Fire Co. would like to sell hamburgers and hot dogs again at one of the concerts and have chosen July 3rd as the date.

New Business:

Budget- The 2024-2025 budget was discussed. The budget request will be finalized at the next meeting and submitted to the Selectmen.

Adjournment- M/M Purdy/Levengood to adjourn at 7:25PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Christensen