



**RECREATION COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
Via Zoom**

Concord Recreation is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Recreation Commission Meeting

Time: Apr 12, 2022 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Meeting ID: 206 866 5867

Present:

- Casey Atkins
- Paul Boehm
- James Howard
- Matt Johnson, Select Board Liaison
- Amrith Kumar, Finance Committee Liaison
- Anna McKeown, Recreation Director
- Adam Lapointe, Assistant Recreation Director

Absent:

- Pete Funkhowser
- Jenn Lutz

1. Open Meeting
 - a. Meeting opened at 7:04 pm.
2. Approval of April 5, 2022 Minutes
 - a. Ms. Atkins made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Boehm second. All in favor.
3. Article 45 of the Town Warrant Discussion
 - a. Ms. McKeown stated that the purpose of this meeting is to present the info for Town Meeting, as the Beede's Enterprise Fund has been taken off the Consent Calendar. Mr. Boehm asked if this has ever been taken off the Consent Calendar. Ms. McKeown mentioned that it has been off the Consent Calendar a few times in the past, and the Town Moderator recommended it get off the Consent Calendar due to the net loss of Beede, and to discuss the fund balance. Ms. McKeown also mentioned that this presentation is open for feedback. Mr. Johnson also mentioned that this would be a great way for Recreation to introduce initial conversations about the fund balance and the viability of Beede before the fund balance comes into question. Ms. McKeown then showed her presentation on Article 45, which is voting to appropriate \$2,222,340 for total expenses for Beede in fiscal year 2023. A couple of highlights include rental requests are increasing, a focus on diversity, equity, and inclusion, and a strong and proactive focus on capital expenditures and preventative maintenance. Expenses are increasing due to minimum wage increase, return to full staff, and facility maintenance. Ms. McKeown also discussed that our projected loss to the fund balance is less in FY 22 than anticipated. She then discussed that the next few years will be telling, and that the



department is working on finding a way to manage expenses like potentially rolling capital projects into town budgets, among other things. Mr. Boehm noted that some of the terms in the presentation may be too “higher level” for those that do not know much about the fund. Mr. Kumar offered some recommendations, including a description of how Beede is funded, and using pictures over tables and numbers. Mr. Johnson offered some other recommendations, including making people understand that expenses are going up and revenues are coming back. Also, he mentioned putting in a graph on historical revenues/ expenses. Mr. Boehm mentioned that he thinks it should be clear to what the article is doing. Mr. Johnson said the first and last slides include that. Ms. Atkins applauded the feedback of others. She mentioned that this vote is two-fold: approving the budget this fiscal year, and what we are going to do in the future. Ms. McKeown thanked everyone for their help. Then, the commission discussed the need for a vote for anything, and Ms. Atkins encouraged the commission to attend town meeting. Mr. Boehm then asked for clarity about membership fees, and Ms. McKeown explained that Membership fees are joining fees, and the other line is recurring membership fees. Mr. Boehm also asked about the general fund line and why it was in the presentation, even though it is 0. Ms. McKeown mentioned that Beede has been charged over the years but was given a break during the pandemic. Ms. Atkins then suggested that Ms. McKeown include it in her presentation. Ms. Atkins then began the discussion about approving something for this meeting. Mr. Johnson then suggested to make a motion to recommend affirmative action the article. Ms. Atkins made a motion. Mr. Boehm second. All in favor.

4. Close Meeting

- a. Next meeting of the Recreation Commission is Tuesday, May 31st at 7 PM via Zoom. Ms. Atkins made a motion to close the meeting at 7:35 pm. All in favor.

Minutes taken by Adam Lapointe.