**Town of Westborough Recreation Department**

**Recreation Commission**

**Meeting Minutes – December 21st, 2020**

Members Present: Recreation Commission Chair Earl Storey, Recreation Director Jenn Kirkland, Beth Travis, Bill Clausen, Colleen Dowd, Brian Kane

The Recreation Commission Meeting opened with Recreation Director Jenn Kirkland reading the Governor Baker statement suspending certain provisions of the open meeting law.

**Discussion about Ice Skating Rink**

This topic was discussed briefly at the last meeting, however Jenn followed up on that discussion, and sent out an email which warranted further discussion. A phone call with Marlboro included many reason why they’re difficult to do, including issues with weather and damage that can be caused when they’re used outside of ideal conditions. Marlboro has no longer had them the past two years.

Colleen believes that it is too rushed to do them for this year, but believes that forming a subcommittee earlier in the year in order to more thoroughly plan this would be the best move. This committee could look for corporate donors as well as reach out to NorthStar in order to get some ideas about upkeep.

Locations were discussed at Haskell, as there are light present as well as enough parking. The tennis courts specifically were mentioned as a possibility that is already fenced as well as has the outer barriers in place. Bill Clausen asked about Sandra Pond, however both Earl and Brian talked about how anything organized on that area would be extremely difficult and very unlikely to every be approved.

Jenn reiterated the difficulties Marlboro had with this, but said they would be a good resource on ideas the subcommittee would have access to. Jenn is going to make a note and bring this up in a Commission meeting for May or June in order for there to be enough build up time to have a chance at a successful rink for next winter.

The meeting was adjourned.