Selectmen's minutes of meeting Work Session January 7, 2019

Members present: Mark Newman, Brian O'Rourke, George Riley, Fred Ventresco Dolores Harasyko, Admin. Asst.

Called to order at 5:45 p.m.

Recreation Committee members present were Billie Anderson Pachulski, Terri Sponholz and Chrissy O'Brien to discuss their FY2020 budget submission.

Discussed the bus trip to Foxwoods. The Rec. Comm. explained that it is not just a trip to Foxwoods but also to Mystic Seaport, Aquarium and other destinations.

George asked how they came up with this trip and other ideas. Billie responded that they listen to the community. They continue to do the usual events for Easter, Halloween and Christmas and are trying to incorporate new events also.

George asked about the \$3,000 for the Boston Aquarium, Billie responded that it was offset by a grant from the Cultural Council. George suggested including that information in the line item.

Discussed the contract with the American Legion. The contract expires in 2023. The American Legion is very supportive of the committee and wants them to host more events there.

Discussed the 5K run which was very successful this past year. They are still going to have one but are hoping to have enough sponsors so that it will be self sufficient. The profits will go through the Friends of the Library which is a non profit organization. Discussed the process of accepting donations, all donations will have to be deposited with a non profit organization such as the Friends of the Library.

Brian recommended they include a brief explanation of the process they have been through to rebuild the recreation committee showing real numbers and lists of events.

Billie explained that they are a seven member committee and two of the members have been inactive for at least a year. They have two new members interested in joining. Dolores will contact the two inactive members and seek a resignation so that the two new members can be appointed.

The budget was approved by the selectmen.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Mark Newman

Brian O'Rourke

George Riley