

Recreation Committee Meeting Tuesday Sept 10, 2019. 5:30 PM at College of St. Joseph. Rutland, VT

Committee members: DePoy, Clifford, Humphrey, Tommola

Others present: Mayor Allaire, Atty Bloomer, Ald. Davis, Etti, Ryan, Supt. Peters, Bob Peterson, Nicole Densmore, Britt Malmgren, Nikki Adams, Colleen Landon, and from St. Joe's, Dr Jennifer Scott, and Deb Fennel.

The recreation committee met at St. Joe's to hear from Supt Peters about a possible collaboration between St. Joe's and the city regarding the city operating the athletic complex at the college on a short term and potentially long term basis. Deb Fennel from St Joe's invited anyone interested to a tour at 5:00 of the facility and then the committee met at 5:30 to hear from Supt Peters, Bob Peterson, and Pres Scott and Deb Fennel about whether the committee was interested in the Rec Dept and college pursuing an agreement for the city Rec Dept taking over operations of the facility. Some ideas were floated around as to how the Rec Dept would fund the operations and how the maintenance dept would be able to take on a building of that size. Also, Bob P gave the committee some preliminary assessments of the condition of the building, which seems to be in good shape. The building is approx. 24-25 years old and houses a gymnasium, and several rooms for dance, weights and locker rooms and offices. The building also has 2 racquetball courts. Out back of the building is a softball field/soccer field. The city would also take on a sizeable parking lot for those using the facility. A straw poll of the committee was to approve of the Rec Dept and Mayor moving forward with the negotiations with the college with the intent of the City Rec Dept running the facility in the short term and hopes of running it long term. This report is for information only. No official vote was taken.