

New Castle Playground Committee

Date: Friday, January 12, 2024,

Time: 11:15 AM

Location : Macomber Room, New Castle Library

In Attendance: Jamal Cooley, David Kovick, Pam Stearns, Chris Robillard, Sean Reilly

1. **Call to Order:** 11:20 AM

1. **Discussion:** Review calls to vendor references for Ben Shaffer, NERG (New England Recreation Group), O'Brien and Sons, Pettenelli Associates, and Ultiplay.

O'Brien & Sons: no references given in proposal, only projects listed.

Pettenelli: Outdated contact info for two references. Left messages with three references. No replies

NERG:

Ben Shaffer - Positive reviews. Timely responses, all happy with customer service throughout entire project and after installation.

Ultiplay - Positive Reviews. Mention of Source-Well Government Contract. Be sure we ask for pricing discounts for municipalities.

Decision made to eliminate O'Brien & Sons (no contacts for references), Pettenelli (outdated & incorrect references), NERG (did not like "look and feel" or quality of materials)

1. **Other Business:** Reminder: Select Board meeting on Tuesday, January 16 at 7PM. Playground is on the agenda.

1. **Next Meeting:** Tuesday, January 16 at 12:00 noon.

1. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned