

New Castle Playground Committee

Date: January 30, 2024

Time: 12:00 PM

Location : New Castle Town Hall

In Attendance: Kate Hermon, David Kovick, Pam Stearns, Allison Stebbins, Chris Robillard

1. Call to Order: 12:05 PM

2. Discussion:

- Design: the zipline and climbing structure replaced springy toys; changed the small toys. Further discussion surrounded specific play panels and spinning events. Concerns raised about the scaling back of the small structure; it seems too small in relation. Will ask to add back original small structure, which will add ~\$20,000 to the price. Zipline in phase 2; climbing structure in phase 1; Maybe push climbing structure to phase 2 if needed. Phase 1 is half of the big structure and half of the little structure.
- Installation: Not going to be able to do a community build for something of this size from vendor liability perspective. Do we need to check with town insurance provider? Everything meets national standards, so assumption it's covered. But we'll check.
- Funding: Budget meetings are happening now and will impact phase 2 funding. We need clear indications on phase 2 funding parameters.
- Colors: Blue or Sky; Maybe green? Less Black; Granite slides is fine – all? Some?; Panels: Gray or Blue?
- Next step: policy recommendation memo to selectboard? Transparent process... Can then put final design on website. Question on fundraising for/with selectboard & donor recognition.

1. Other Business:

2. Next Meeting: TBD

3. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned 1:15 PM.