

Press Release, December 21, 2017

The Town of Newport will have skating after all! Volunteers, Newport Residents and businesses all came out of the woodwork to support a “Plan B” skating rink, once the Town had a local water ban in place preventing them from using the fire hydrant on the historic Town Common. The Town of Lempster graciously offered water to use, as well as the Town of Sunapee offering their river water pump. Trusted Rentals of Newport offered the use of their lights at a huge discounted rate, and Ed Karr, a local resident began making phone calls sorting out the finer details of a “Plan B” skating rink.

Thanks to the generosity of local residents, and the help and support of Town officials, Newport will house their skating rink at Meadow Park, also known as Bates Field and Horsey Park. The Ice Skating Hut will reside there to keep the kids warm. A river pump will be used to pump water onto the location for flooding and local kids and families will get to skate again in Newport for another year.

This year the Town will combine public skating and ice hockey on this location to serve the recreational skating needs as well as continue to provide a place to skate for the local hockey crowd. The hockey folks and the Town Common Flooding Crew will be involved in flooding and upkeep of the rink. Hours will be posted for general Ice skating as well as hockey drop in games.

The rink and the hut will open as soon as possible, with the hopes of remaining open for the kids Christmas vacation break (weather permitting). Hot Chocolate will be served on weekends for the kids. The supervised hut hours generally are 2:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. weekdays; and 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. on weekends. As always, skate rentals are free!