

Introduction

Strafford Recreational Sports, Inc. was incorporated on November 12, 1999. We are a non-profit organization independent of the Town of Strafford, run by volunteers operating solely on the proceeds from our programs and fundraising events. The proceeds allow us to maintain reasonable registration fees, insurance coverage, acquire new equipment, and support programs for the entire community.

Our board, elected annually, is comprised of President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary serving two year terms. We also have Program Coordinators for our various program offerings, Web Master and Social Media manager. We have an paid accounting firm to file our annual taxes and ensure our continued 501(c)3 status.

Our mission is to provide recreational sports to the youth of Strafford with emphasis on fun and learning.

Currently, SRS offers youth and adult programs for pickle ball, basketball, soccer, flag football and skiing. We also host a variety of events for the community and free sports clinics. Additionally, SRS promotes baseball/softball programs with Barrington Youth Association, lacrosse with Black Bear Lacrosse and track and field and cross-country running with NH Thunder. We host community events ranging from indoor mini golf, cupcake challenge, basketball tournament, 5k, father daughter dance, mother son date night and many more.

Need for a Community Recreation Center/Building

Strafford Recreational Sports has the desire to have their own facility and outside fields. We are 100% reliant on Strafford School for field and court use, competing for time with school team practices and games. Recently, we've connected with the NH National Guard site in town for use of their playing fields for games and practices and gym for practices, but this is a temporary band aid for the bigger issue. We also have limited storage of our equipment. It is kept in a medium sized shed on school property. It is not 100% secure and subject to rodents nesting and eating nets etc. Additionally, the storage is not climate controlled, which I feel it lessens the life expectancy of our equipment because of the extreme temperatures.

The need is not only for youth sports, but also to serve all demographics in town. We have an aging population that may benefit from meeting place to take art classes, play bridge or take a painting class during the day. At the other end of the spectrum are children ages 18 months to three years of age that could benefit from open play time to encourage socialization and physical activity. With having our own building, we would not be constrained by days and times of events. Currently we can only host events and activities in the evenings and weekends.

Facility to include but not limited to:

Indoor

- Registration desk
- Locker rooms
- Concession area
- Basketball courts
- Pickleball courts
- Classroom/multifunction room
- Walking track

Outdoor

- Soccer fields
- Baseball/Softball fields
- Maintained walking trails
- Labyrinth

This building could also serve as an emergency shelter for the town. As this would be new construction, we could liaison with the town police and fire departments to understand the needs for cold and dry storage, water and power, and capacity.

Potential Location

Strafford NH Tax Parcel Map 17, Lot 14

This lot is currently owned by SAU 105 Strafford, NH with our understanding there is no current plan for use or development

High Level Building Cost

In speaking with Warrenstreet Architects Inc in Concord, NH, an estimated cost of a 20,000 square foot building would be \$8M to 10M with a two to three year timeframe from design to permit to construction.