

HAVERTHILL RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

APRIL 2, 2014

Members in attendance: Recreation Director Sherri Sargent, Kurt Davis, Jo Lacaillade, Barb Dutile, Kim Waterhouse, Lynn Wheeler and Dave Robinson

Members excused: Dianne Rappa

Members from the public: Jacques Finlay

Meeting was called to order by Kurt Davis at 6:10 pm

Open time for discussion: Jacques is thinking about joining the Rec Commission. Lynn explained to him that he needed to go to a Selectboard meeting, answer a few questions, and then be sworn in.

Approval of minutes: Lynn Wheeler made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Barb Dutile. All members voted in favor.

Old business

1. Directors Report:

Sherri reached out to Facebook, where she currently has 1100 friends, and was able to establish a list of 8 people, so far, who would be able to help at various functions. She has created an email chain and will continue to post it on Facebook in hopes of reeling in some more volunteers

Sherri wanted to follow up on something in the minutes from last month. Under "Class/course options for RECM Building", were rates discussed at the last Selectboard meeting? Lynn apologized and said no as she did not put it on the agenda. It will be put on the agenda for Monday.

Archie Steenburg is using the RECM Building this Saturday for an auction.

April 19th is the Easter Egg Hunt. As usual, Barb will make the frosting. Kim, Samantha and Lynn will be there. Sherri has Sue Steele all lined up to be the Easter Bunny and she is going shopping on Thursday.

There is a new law concerning criminal background checks on all skills type camps. The fee is \$25.00 each and Sherri does not know if it has to be mailed to the state or if they can be run here. Even though it is not in the budget, she will need a few \$100.00 to do these. The statute is RSA 485-A:23 through 25 and the bill is HB295. Barb will look into this and let Sherri know. This was passed in June of 2013 and took affect January 1, 2014.

Sherri told us about Hungry Heart which is a documentary movie directed by Bess O'Brien out of Barnet, Vermont. It is about the drug epidemic plaguing this area. Rosie Farr, Byron Charles and Cottage Hospital are looking at bringing it to our community. The community forum fee is \$500.00 to show the documentary and bring the director with a Q&A session afterwards. It is being showed to local communities and we would

be their second tour. They are looking at June 24th in the evening. They approached Sherri to see if Rec would be interested in helping with advertising. She said the schools could not come up with a date or time to do this. Sherri urged us to go on YouTube and view it. Jo was curious as to why they were looking to Rec for this and Lynne was quite surprised the school isn't doing more with this. Sherri got the impression it was because it was the end of school. Kurt questioned who their target audience was because he is afraid they won't get anyone to come. Dave wondered how long the tour was going on that maybe it could be done at the start of school instead. Sherri feels strongly we should stand by them as a town and she is willing to pay for it if we don't want to. Jacques suggested that lots of activities would help them and that is what Rec is for. Barb said that everyone is together on this and that it is a wonderful idea, just not a good time and Lynn agreed. In the end Sherri wanted to know if the Commission and Selectboard could support this with advertising. Lynn and Jo suggested that Rosie go to the Selectboard as that was a better forum.

New Business:

2. Restorative Justice

Jo explained to the board what this was. Basically, if a youth is under the age of 18 and commits a minor crime such as a violation or misdemeanor and the police feel intervention would work, they are offered this process. They meet with their victim along with a panel. They discuss what happened, how it affected that person and the victim gets to take part in what they need to do (i.e. letters, community service) to make things right. They would not have a record, not have to go through the court system, they get a chance. Two panels so far, so no success rate yet. This is huge in other places and they have had great results. Sherri has been approached to see if a 15 year old client could do his 25 hours of community service with her. Maybe utilize him at the music jams, sweep parking lot, things like that. He needs to be supervised and he has 3 months to do this. Lynn wanted to know if Sherri felt comfortable with a 15 year old boy and she said she was okay with it. Jo mentioned if they mess up they go to Court. Transportation is an issue but Sherri will not transport him. Sherri thought he would be able to help her get the pool ready and RR Park. Jo figured she could see how he was with Robert Rodebush being there and see if she was comfortable. He is scheduled for both music jams now. Jo felt he would be covered under the Court systems insurance.

3. 2014 RR Park Opening Concert

The first concert is the Parker Hill Road Band on May 31, 2014. The WRAP group would like to do the chili cook off. We will provide tent, electricity, tables, hot dogs, popcorn and soda. They will sell samples as well as bowls of chili. There will be awards for Peoples Choice and Judges Favorite.

4. Paddle the Border May 18, 2014:

Things are staying the same. We are responsible for advertising and paying the bus driver. Always looking for volunteers to put in kayaks in Woodsville and take them out at Bedell Bridge.

5. Rec Annual Yard Sale May 24, 2014

Sherri asked if we had any yard sale donations she would take them. She will even come pick them up.

Sherri showed us the basket that Jo made to be raffled off at the Easter Egg Hunt. Sherri plans to sell tickets to make money for the program.

She also mentioned that Sue Steele's yoga classes will be at the RECM building this month because the gym is booked with baseball and softball.

Jim and Ruth Strout from Orford are going strong with the acoustic jams. They are bringing in about \$400.00 a month.

Ping Pong is about 8 to 10 people. Jacques indicated he would like to add shuffle board, badminton, and volleyball. He wanted to know if he could do these as a "friend" of Rec? Sherri doesn't think it is in her hands right now to add more programs as the Selectboard does not want Rec to take the building over. They are looking to rent a suite in order to bring in some more revenue. Heat for 2013 was just under \$13,000.00. Kurt questioned what the Selectboard would do if Rec was not there using it and it was mentioned that the heat would be turned down low and the water drained. Lynn explained that the Selectboard is getting it from everyone. Jo said the main issue is costs. If the building is used more and could make more money, there would be no issue. Jacques feels it is worthwhile to run other activities. A lengthy conversation took place on using the building, costs, etc. Sherri asked if closing the building for the winter was an option and the answer was yes. Lynn said the Selectboard's vision is what the community said they wanted: rent out part, part for Rec but make money, not just spend money. Jo said that summer Rec, Haunted Happenings as well as the acoustic jams bring in good money. She suggests promoting the building either by word of mouth or signs. If enough money could be made to cover expenses, there would be less turmoil. If summertime is not as much of an issue as wintertime is, Sherri mentioned using the Morrill Building instead during the wintertime.

Jacques decided he didn't want to be put on the agenda yet as his focus is to expand programs.

Before leaving, Lynn emphasized to Sherri how important it was to keep the Commission informed in advance what events were going on rather than her hearing it from other people.

Adjournment: Barb Dutile made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jo Lacaillade. All members voted in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Next regular monthly meeting: May 7, 2014.

Minutes transcribed by Kim Waterhouse