

MINUTES OF HAVERHILL RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, May 1, 2013

Draft Subject to Review, Correction and Approval at Following Meeting

Commission Members Present: Kurt Davis, Kim Waterhouse, Jo Lacaillade, Lynn Wheeler-Selectboard Rep., Dianne Rappa, and Barb Dutile. Leslie Ramsay and David Joslin were excused.

Recreation Director: Sherri Sargent

Members of the Public Present: None

Call Meeting to Order:

Chairman Davis called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

Approval of Minutes: Dianne Rappa made a motion to approve the minutes as presented with the \$5 amount in for the students, seconded by Kim Waterhouse which carried unanimously.

Open Time for public discussion: None

Pending (Old) Business:

- **Directors Report:** Sherri said that the Suncooked concert was very poorly attended, about 30. The band cost \$300 and they took in just shy of \$200. There was a brief discussion about why the attendance may have been so low. Sherri said that the new table and chairs for the Robert E Clifford building have arrived and they are beautiful. She said there were about 100 people at the acoustic music jam this past weekend. It was commented that this program was really growing. Sherri said that the AP Hill pool is getting ready for the season. The lawns have been fertilized and reseeded where needed and the pool is being pressure washed and getting ready for primer and paint. She said that they hope to fill the pool next week. Jo asked about the costs of filling it that much sooner and Dianne and Barb both said that there should not be much extra cost for that month because it is not that warm. Sherri said there are some chemicals left over from last year. Jo stated she is just concerned about the added cost for an extra month of chemicals. Sherri said that on the 11th of May there will be another acoustic music jam and there will also be a HARP open house. **New Business:**
- **Founders Day:** Sherri said that Founders Day is also on the 18th and some of the celebration is scheduled at the Robert E Clifford Building.
- **May 18th opening concert at Railroad Park:** The first Railroad Park concert in on May 18th with Parker Hill Road Band. She reminded everyone that there will not be the chili and pie cook-off that day. For help at the concert on the 18th, Dianne said that she would be there; Kim thought she and Sam would be there.
- **Paddle the Border 19th of May:** Dianne said that she would be available to pull out at Bedell Bridge. Dianne said that the Lower Cohase Chamber of Commerce website has a nice write up about Paddle the Border.
- **Hiking and Kayaking Programs:** Sherri said that the kayaking group will probably just be midweek trips this year; there is just too much going on. The hiking group was not well attended last year so it will not be pursued this year; we may look at developing it again at a later date or find people willing to share a hike they are planning on the Recreation Facebook page if they are willing to have others join them. Di talked about the Walk NH program for 2013. Di suggested provided links to other websites that have events like this so people have access to what is available. There was more discussion about the kayak group and the difficulty in getting participants to travel to new lakes and ponds that may be a little further away. Sherri asked about doing trips on the Connecticut River outside of Paddle the Border and Jo said that they have done some on the river from Newbury Crossing up to Hazen Park.
- **Yard Sale:** The 25th of May is the annual Rec yard sale that is a great fund raiser for the year.

Di said that same day is the Lilac Walk in Lisbon and the Traveling Memorial Wall will be here for that weekend so there may be increased traffic. There was discussion about putting out as many signs as possible. The Penny Sale is still a fundraiser for the future. There was a brief discussion that we will need help setting up the newly purchased tent for the 5th of July in Railroad Park for Railroad Day. Di spoke of the March of Dimes Walk that would happen on Sunday the 5th which starts in Wells River. She spoke of Sherri's senior group that is walking and said that she has a walking club in Woodsville on Monday and Thursday nights at 6:30. Sherri asked what was going on with YMCA as far as the pool aerobics class this summer. Di said that the Y is dissolved and she is now a volunteer instructor through Carroll County. She offered her services to the Town Recreation Commission as a volunteer instructor for a program sponsored by the Recreation Department. After a brief discussion on different options of leaving the class under Carroll County's program or the Recreation Department offering it as part of their programs Barb Dutile made a motion to offer an aerobics program through the Recreation Department with any fees being paid to the Haverhill Recreation Department. Dianne would be a volunteer instructor but if there were some additional expense for items she might need she will talk to Sherri about it. Sherri said that a request was made to offer more adult swim times this year; she will still have the 7 days a week from 11-12 and then 2 nights a week from 6-7 if she can make it happen. Di said her program is Monday and Thursday 5-6. Barb Dutile made a motion to offer an aerobics program through the Recreation Department with any fees being paid to the Haverhill Recreation Department; Jo Lacaillade seconded the motion which carried unanimously. There was a little further discussion about the new adult swim hours and perhaps offering more programs in the future such as adult swim lessons. Di said there are many adults that do not know how to swim. Di was absent for the April meeting and wanted to talk about the Chili/Pie Cook off. Di said Richard Roderick has said he and the Merchant's Association may be able to take this on just not for the May concert. Discussion ensued about when that would happen and it was decided that the September 21st concert is a good time to do this. Kurt said that he had talked with someone last year at the Paddle the Border event that works with Upper Valley Trails and he creates hiking trails in Towns and Kurt had given him Sherri's number and wondered if she had heard from him. Discussion ensued about the trails that are already established in the area and annual hikes offered in the area. There was more discussion about HARP open house on May 11th from 9-12 and on May 22nd from 5-7.

The next Recreation Commission meeting is June 5, 2013 at 6:00 pm

Adjourn Meeting: Dianne Rappa made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Barb Dutile and carried unanimously. Chairman Davis adjourned the meeting at 7:02 pm.

Minutes transcribed by Jo Lacaillade