

Haverhill Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday January 2, 2020

Draft Subject to Review by the Board

Members of the Committee Present: Sandi Pierce, Sherri Sargent, Mona Sanville, Tom Friel, Jennifer West (Vice Chair), Lynn Wheeler (Chair).

Excused Committee Members: Barbara Dutile and Paula Cilbrith.

Town Employees Present: Sherri Sargent, Parks & Recreation Director

Members of the Public Present: None in attendance.

There was a recorder malfunction in December so there are no official minutes. Sherri will be typing something up based on collective notes.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 by Lynn Wheeler.

Consent Agenda: Sandi made a motion to accept the agenda. Jennifer seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Old Business:

- **Directors Report:** There was a recent paint and sip that was conducted in December 2019 at the Clifford Building. Sherri explained that it was a success and the event was something they are going to be bringing back continually. The next item on the report was the youth basketball registration. It will start on Sunday January 5th. Sherri explained a little bit more about what the program would look like and where they are at now with registrations. Next up was the ice rink that has now opened for the season. They are looking to put another layer onto it because of the fluctuation in temperature but it is currently able to be used. The softball clinic run by Dana Huntington is open on Sundays and Wednesdays. Currently there is no baseball clinic running but they are working on a schedule. The other events put on by the Recreation Department on a regular basis are running smoothly and are scheduled throughout the month and will continue to be throughout the year.

New Business:

- **Moonlight Country Walk:** This will be the 7th year putting on this event and will be happening on the 11th of January from 6-9 PM. It is a great event and has been advertised around town and on the radio. One of the board members asked about bringing your own beer and if the owners knew that this was happening. Sherri explained that they did and it has been this way in the past. Liability wise everything is set.
- **Monthly Scheduling Calendar:** Sherri has held off on starting things like, drums alive and senior stretch, for the last few months in anticipation of the King Street school going back to their facility. There is no current date for when they will be going back, but for now they are holding off. So, for now, they will be putting the events on, but are keeping things low key so they don't create a mess and take up less room. There will be flyer calendars posted around town giving a schedule of the events the Rec Department will put on and where the events are located.

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- **Community Presentation:** Sherri is letting the Commission know that she has recently spoken to Michael Frace from the Hillside Hives. They are talking about bringing back the community garden and having the community beehive closer to the garden. The main logistics they are working out currently are rototilling and fencing for the garden. The board is concerned about bees being so close to a place for children when some of the children could be allergic. Sherri explained that the children would not be near the area where the bees are and the hive would be far enough away, but they will still make sure everything is safe and be extra careful. Mr. Frace is going to come in on February 8th to give the community presentation at 10:00 AM, 2:00 PM, and 6:00 PM. Mr. Frace is with Hillside Hives. It would be great for people in the community apartments to help maintain the community gardens.
- **Winter Fest:** It is being held on February 15th and it is a gathering at the Mt. Lakes lodge. There is sledding and sled making/sled competition. There are games, tug of war and more. Haverhill Recreation will be providing outdoor supplies and some of the food and beverages. The fest will start at noon. Then there is a Valentines dance that evening.
- **Valentine's Day Dance:** Sherri has contemplated doing an adult dance that evening, but the Valentine's dance is for the kids. The adult addition to the dance may come if Sherri can get a band. The event time has not been ironed out yet.
- **Teen Night:** Some of the ladies on the board covered for Sherri when she wasn't at the last teen night. 35 kids showed up that night.

Adjourn: Jennifer made a motion to adjourn. Sandi seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.