

**Town of Haverhill  
Parks & Recreation Commission  
MEETING MINUTES  
R. E. Clifford Memorial Building  
65 South Court St.  
Woodsville, NH 03785**

**Wednesday, August 4, 2021  
At 6:00 PM**

**Commission Members:**

Jennifer West, Chair	Dawn Burleson
Sherri Sargent, Recreation Director	Kevin VanNorden
Sandi Pierce Mona Sanville	

**Town Employees Present:** None.

**Select Board Representative:** Steve Robbins

**Visitors:** None.

The meeting was **CALLED TO ORDER** at 6:03 PM by Sherri Sargent, Director.

**Roll Call Attendance:** Jennifer West, Chair; Sherri Sargent, Recreation Director; Mona Sanville; Sandi Pierce (absent); Dawn Burleson; Kevin VanNorden (absent); and Steve Robbins (absent). A quorum was met.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION #1:** Sargent made the motion to accept the minutes from **Wednesday, July 7, 2021**, as amended, and Sanville seconded the motion.

**Voice vote:** All members stated “Aye.” The motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION:** None.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Director’s Report**

1. The **Antique Strollers** walking group will continued walking Monday to Friday at the James R. Morrill Building from 11:00 AM to 12:00 AM after September 6.
2. Sargent is working on a calendar for September that will list all the Parks & Recreation activities.
3. **Pickleball** games continue on Tuesdays and Thursdays 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM and Saturday mornings 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM at the Clifford Building. Sanville is our liaison, and at last count there were 12 people playing, and there are lots of new people.

Sargent stated that the pickleball courts at the Clifford Building have recently been re-lined and changed the courts at bit.

4. **Acoustic Music Jams** -- July music jams were scheduled for July 18th and 25th at the Clifford Building, and attendance was good. August Jams are scheduled for the 8th and 22nd.
5. **Music Summer Concert Series** – The July concert played to over 50 people.
6. **International Soccer Program** – Camp goes from **August 16** to **August 20**.

Sargent announce a vacation in August, and Sanville will be covering the phone and activities during her absence.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **HARP**. Sargent reported that this is the last week of the 8-week HARP Summer Camp. Sargent mentioned that in the past, much of her time was spent at the pool, and this year she has spent all her time at HARP, and she stated, “It has been wonderful.” Sargent talked about the exemplary staff and the well-behaved campers. HARP did not have use of the minibus, but the program was successful. The bus will be picked up tomorrow so, next year the bus will be in service. There are four staff members plus Sargent and Sanville daily.

Sargent noted that the Rec Department may offer 1-week HARP sessions during school vacations in February and April. Sargent asked the staff for their input, and many agreed to return for the 1-wk sessions.

The final HARP report will be available at the next meeting.

### **2. Railroad Park Concert**

Sargent announced that the next concert is scheduled for Saturday, August 14, from 5:00 PM to 7:30 PM with the Percepts Band. Sargent will need help for this concert.

### **3. International Soccer Program**

Sargent announced that the program is scheduled for August 16 to 20 to be held in N. Haverhill behind the Morrill Building in the VFW Field. Sargent is looking for volunteers for this program, and Sargent plans for the logistics for the coaches, such as housing. Sargent has registered 28 players so far and has more sign-up sheets distributed.

### **4. Youth Soccer**

Sargent announced that Anne Laud, high school soccer coach, will be scheduling sessions on soccer fundamentals for young children on Sundays.

Sargent noted that she has been asked to take over the Upper Valley Wolverines Soccer Club team originally run by John Rutherford, and Sargent stated that she has a long list of volunteers willing to help.

Sargent announced the Soccer Fest for Sunday, October 17, and Sunday, October 24.

### **5. Cornhole Tournament**

Sanville announced Sunday, September 19 date for the tournament at Railroad Park at 10:00 AM until teams win. Sanville listed the equipment needed, which she will send notices out for donations:

- Cornhole boards
- Toss bags
- Concessions (grill, hamburgers, hot dogs)
- 50/50 Raffle
- Popcorn machine
- Scoreboards with brackets
- Prize money (one-half of registration fees) for one winning team
- Registration online of \$20 by August 21 and after that \$25
- Sanville noted that all Commission members will need to help.
- Double elimination process

Sanville noted that the Commission discussed providing a Cornhole Tournament every other Sunday. Sargent noted that Friday evenings are free at the Clifford Building, but a volunteer liaison is needed. Sargent is preparing publicity for the website and the radio. The members discussed having a band at the tournament, like the Beer Knights. Sargent asked about lighting for an evening event. Sargent noted that the event can be indoors after a certain date.

Sargent discussed the need for a liability waiver for the Cornhole Tournament.

### **6. Quarter Auction**

Sargent noted that with Pierce absent, there will be no update on the planning progress for the auction. Sargent has received no responses to the letters and requests for donations that have been sent out and are used for prizes for the Quarter Auction.

Sargent noted that the pandemic resurgence may impact the auction. Sargent referred to 2019 advertising poster with many donors listed. And, so far, this year they have only two donations.

**NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, September 1, 2021, at 6:00 PM**

### **ADJOURN**

**MOTION #2:** Sanville made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:44 PM, Burleson seconded the motion.

**Voice vote:** All members stated “Aye.” The vote passed unanimously.

*Transcribed by Joanna Bligh*