

## Haverhill Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes October 8, 2014

Members in attendance: Lynn Wheeler, Kim Waterhouse, Dianne Rappa, Jo Lacaillade, Cindy Fagnant,

Recreation Director: Sherri Sargent

Excused: Dave Robinson

Meeting called to order at 6:05 p.m.

Members of the Public: Kurt Davis, John Rutherford

Kurt Davis – programs: Kurt asked the Recreation Commission to start an adult “open gym” night at the Morrill building. It would be activities such as Basketball, Volleyball, or using the baseball equipment which he had already discussed with Dana about using. It could also be some that just come in to walk in the gym. Supervision was discussed and Kurt said that he would be the person overseeing the program and if he could not, he would assign someone in his place. Sherri and Jo explained that there was a meeting with Primex, who carries the Town insurance, in the near future to discuss these types of programs and how they affect the Town coverage. The costs associated with heating, lighting, and janitorial were also discussed. Kurt stated that as a taxpayer, he feels that they should have rights to use the building. The commission explained they are reviewing all programs associated with recreation because they have been asked to review each program using the following criteria: number of participants, cost to run program, income from program and the overall value of the program to the community. The commission did not feel, at this time, they were ready to make a decision on this type of program until after the insurance company has provided input and the commission has thoroughly reviewed this and all other programs.

John Rutherford – past coach – coed 4<sup>th</sup> grade soccer program – now JV girls coach; 60 players – 100 community members involved in the soccer program. Seen a gap that the surrounding communities have programs for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade levels. Upcoming tournament Halloween Cup October 25<sup>th</sup> – registration still open – John would like to offer the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders in our program to participate. Parents provide the transportation, John would coach the team. Would like to propose that the soccer was running under the recreation program 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade ‘bracket’. This would involve the 16 third graders in the program – probably 9 would attend. Dianne made motion that the existing 3<sup>rd</sup> graders would be allowed to participate in the upcoming tournaments in the area including but not limited to the ‘Halloween Cup’ in Franconia and possibly the Haverhill Soccer Tournament. Kim seconded – unanimously approved.

September meeting minute approval: Kim/Lynn motion to approve  
(Review of the Acoustic Music Jam – Sherri spoke to the Strout’s and they suggested charging for the soda and water. They agreed to continue the donation at the door.)

Old Business:

1. Directors Report – 74 total registered children in the soccer – 2 were from Bath and 3 were from Benton – the balance from town.  
Penny Sale – Jo and Kim definite help. 10 – 2 pm and at 1pm the tickets are drawn and looking for ‘runners’ . Cindy can do that. O’Shaunesey’s will be at the door. Baked goods would be at the raffle table. Jo and Sherri will be setting up 9 till done on Friday at the Clifford Building.  
Ping Pong – are we interested in moving the ping pong to the Morrill Building. We could offer Mr. Finlay the option to look at the calendar but concern of limited storage space and actual limited amount of times to even have ping pong here in the winter. April to November 1<sup>st</sup> was decided at last meeting for their program at the Clifford Building due to heating costs in the winter. Sherri is to converse with him and share the limited options of this building. Lynn/Kim motion to stay with the original times for the ping pong program
  
2. Review of HARP, HH and Easter Egg Hunt for 2015 – the commission reviewed the current revenue and expenditures noting that pool cover has only been ½ paid for. The Town has ‘recovered’ \$914 of outstanding invoices for the HARP program. There is still an outstanding balance of \$218 – it will be slow coming in due to economic status. Question of attendance at beginning and end of summer. Having next year’s budget be based on this years’ was recommended . It was good to have the extended weeks so parents were not looking for extra child care. Average age of children was the 7 – 8 year olds. Have 5 – 9 year olds and 10 – 14 year olds different programming for next year? Possible to rent a mini van? Parents would be responsible for field trips. Discussed 10 – 14 year olds having an Adventure Camp – 3 days, 5 days? Need for additional budget considerations, numbers of potential campers, ++.  
The 2014 Budgeted amounts and the 2015 1<sup>st</sup> proposal was distributed.  
HH make more viable? Reuse what we already have and cut down on expenses. Are we outgrowing this event? Sensitive issues have to be acknowledged. Sherri will be posting a parental notice.  
Easter Egg Hunt – it is shrinking, but consensus to continue for 2015.  
Concerts – have fewer concerts (Four, May – August) and consistent day of week.
  
3. Pool cover follow up –Pool leak – Rich exposed a skimmer with a quarter size hole. Allen Pools and Spa were asked for an estimate. They are coming Friday to install the cover and help suggest winterization processes and suggestions for next year maintenance.

New Business:

1. Subcontractor use for future programs
2. Budget – planning meeting 15<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m. Lynn/Kim