

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

**Wednesday, July 7, 2021  
At 6:00 PM**

**DRAFT subject to review by the Commission**

**Commission Members:**

Jennifer West, Chair	Dawn Burleson
Sherry Sargent, Recreation Director	Kevin VanNorden (absent)
Sandi Pierce	Steve Robbins, ex officio
Mona Sanville	

**Town Employees Present:** None.

**Select Board Representative:** Steve Robbins

**Visitors:** None.

The meeting was **CALLED TO ORDER** at 6:01 PM by Jennifer West, Chair.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Pierce asked for a change on p. 2, paragraph 1, line 4; change “carefully” to “quickly.”

**MOTION #1:** Burleson made the motion to accept the minutes from **Wednesday, June 9, 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. **Railroad Park Concert** with the Beer Knights band was held on June 12 to a large and happy crowd. It was an amazing crowd-pleasing show, and the band had their own following. Concessions were sold. Commission member Sargent and Sanville worked the event.

2. The **Antique Strollers** walking group has continued walking Monday to Friday at the James R. Morrill Building from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM.
3. **ZOOM Stretch** has paused until fall because of the conflict with Summer Camp.
4. **Central Street Market** failed to have enough vendors interested and willing to pay for either a half or full summer (15 weeks). Many vendors were unhappy and felt we were asking too much of a commitment of days and donation costs.

Sanville stated that last year we held the market by donation for signs and advertising. Sanville stated that this year we asked for donations with a minimum for the space, and vendors felt that was too much of a cost. Pierce stated that there is no Wi-Fi for the vendors' payment card readers.

After reviewing what other outdoor markets were doing, Sanville and Sargent decided that they needed commitment from vendors because some vendors left without donating last year and returned sporadically, but hoped their vendor spot was still available.

Pierce noted that she sent 20 invitations to vendors at \$5/hour for some and a set price for others. Sargent noted that some vendors wanted a flea market-type set up. The members thought that would be like a yard sale, and that is not what Sargent wants for Railroad Park. Robbins suggested starting up later in the year with farmers who want to sell produce.

5. **Pickleball** games continue to thrive on Tuesdays and Thursdays 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM and Saturday mornings 9:00 to 10:30 at the Clifford Building. Many players have returned for the summer. Sanville is our liaison, and at last count there were 18 people playing.
6. Jim and Ruth Strout continue to be our liaisons for the **Acoustic Music Jams**. July music jams are the July 18th and 25th at the Clifford Building.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **HARP**. Sargent announced that the program had 36 campers today, and Sargent registered the 51st camper today. Sargent stated that campers are enrolling from surrounding towns. The members talked about how tired the children are at the end of the program day. Sargent talked about the exemplary staff and was able to offer a higher rate of pay. There are four staff members plus Sargent and Sanville daily.

Sargent stated that the recently purchased bus for HARP s being painted. Sargent and two additional members are studying for the CDL license.

Sargent discussed the Owl Program from Woodsville elementary school, and three children come to HARP from that program, and Sargent hopes that next year she can partner with the schools in the summer to bus children to HARP.

Sargent reported that Mr. Rich, the drummer who is an inspiring speaker, talks about anti-bullying, and was sponsored by the Haverhill Area Substance Misuse Prevention Coalition, was at the first week of summer camp and was a hit with campers and families alike.

Sargent described the activities at HARP, including Dick Lang and Pat Fayer with a Pickleball demonstration and a bicycle rodeo with Corporal DiDomenico of Haverhill Police. Upcoming events will include a reptile show-and-tell with Christina and Rachael Harness, Impact Director from Grafton County Department of Corrections, to talk about bullying and more.

## **2. Railroad Park Concert**

Sargent announced that the next concert is scheduled for Saturday, July 17, from 5:00 PM to 7:30 PM with the Crunchy Western Boys. The concession for the evening will be the dirty water hot dogs, a steamed recipe from NYC street vendors. Sargent passed along to the members advertising posters for distribution.

## **3. Drums Alive**

Sargent announced that Drums Alive started up outdoors Mondays and Wednesday at the Senior Center.

- **Slick's Ice Cream Truck** was offered to visit the Senior Center. Robbins suggested the sunny day on Tuesday, July 20, for an ice cream truck visit.

## **4. Quarter Auction**

Pierce stated that she is waiting for donations to come in, and suggested August and September for the planning and finalizing details. Sanville volunteered to impersonate Elvis at this year's auction. Sargent asked about the baked potato bar concession.

## **Other Fund-Raising Activities**

- Pierce suggested a one-time corn hole tournament. The members discussed the corn-hole rules and logistics of the all-day play. Sanville volunteered to investigate the game process and access to the equipment. Pierce suggested a date of Saturday, August 7.

Robbins suggested that the fire department's 10-year-old gear could be used to construct bean bags for the corn-hole game.

**NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, August 4, 2021, at 6:00 PM**

## **ADJOURN**

**MOTION #2:** Pierce made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 PM, Sanville

seconded the motion.

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

*Transcribed by Joanna Bligh*