

Haverhill Recreation Department
2975 Dartmouth College Highway
North Haverhill, NH 03774

Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 6, 2018

Members in attendance: Sherri Sargent, Sandi Howe, Lynn Wheeler, Barb Dutile, Paula Philbrith, Fred Garafalo, Sam Catterall

Members excused: Jennifer West

Members from the public: none

Open time for public discussion: none

Approval of minutes: Barb – first, Paula – second (as amended)
With correction as to “Town” changed to “Selectboard”. Correction to Angela Clifford not an excused absence. Fred asked about the emergency exit and what was the difference between the bar gate and another exit at the back to the pool area.

Old Business:

Director's Report:

1. Teen night – Friday May 18th. – 70 students, \$350.00 at door, concessions \$140.00. Next Teen night is June 22 at the Pool. Sherri asked for chaperones. Lynn asked the time. Sherri said the same time, 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.
2. Railroad Park Concert/Battle of the Bands. Weather forced the concert to move to Clifford Building. The Battle of the Bands was cancelled as to lack of participants by Haverhill Area Substance Misuse Prevention Coalition. The only band to sign up was “The Ruined Generation” and they then played for 15-20 minutes as the opening band for Parker Hill Road Band. Sherri said they were great. There was a low turnout for Parker Hill Road Band as well. Sherri spoke about maybe doing an event “Haverhill Area Has Talent” at some time later in the year and the Coalition will get back to us..
3. Paddle the Border was held on May 20th. Rain was again a problem with only about 30 participants. Sherri reported that there were no problems and everyone enjoyed the paddle.
4. MapleWood – A Senior Residence has donated \$1,000.00 towards the Playground to be placed at the VFW Memorial Park in North Haverhill. Lynn explained that they have established a charitable trust and she had short notice on funds available. The subcommittee had already been aware of these funds as Barb pointed out and were aware that there would be a quick turnaround.
5. Pool Update – Sherri said the re-construction has been completed. She spoke about the pump being just barely up and running and that she is not sure about all the leaks until it runs longer.

They did have a reverse syphon but staff has been warned in keeping the hose out at the end of the day. Chemicals are all in place and ready to go.

She said the Pool Open House will be June 17th. It will run from 12-6 p.m. and volunteers are needed. Most of the food will be served from 12-1:30 p.m. when we general run out. So if anyone could help it would be appreciated.

6. Acoustic Music Jams have been well attended with \$140.00 on 5/20/2018 and \$209.00 on 6/4/2018.
7. Mike Rowe and "Returning the Favor" was a great event. Sherri said to watch for the Facebook Program coming out about the event. Good press as Haverhill Rec. helped out. Sam and Barb asked why there wasn't more notice some Commission members could have planned and attended. Sherri said she got the word out. Sherri got people out to the Fun Run and did not know why they were running and participating. Sandi spoke up and said they were told to keep everything "hush, hush" and that they could not let the members know.
8. Sherri said that there will be a float in the 4th of July Parade involved some HARP children and members of the Horse Meadow Senior Center. Lynn questioned how Sherri was to meld the two groups, Seniors and HARP children. Seniors to play cards, Sherri would do Drums Alive in back of truck. She asked would anyone like to join them. They will pass out small bags of candy along with one free swim at the Pool and to push the Harp program. Many of seniors volunteered to buy candy. Sandi said she would sit on the float. Lynn spoke up and said Sherri might like the help along the route passing out the small bags. Sandi thought she could do that.

New Business:

1. Employee Discount- Sherri said she received an email asking about employee discount to HARP Summer Program. Sherri said it had no been done in the past and Town Manager said to speak to the Commission. Sandi asked if there was ever an employee discount. Lynn spoke about the present scholarship program and how that was available if you qualified. She said that most employees would not qualify due to higher pay scale. Barb spoke about volunteers could be included. Fred also brought up who would be considered employees. He said it could apply to the entire Town – all departments, fire departments, precincts, etc. He felt it would be to vast a number of employees. Sandi also felt it would be to many and what would the discount amount to in dollars. Lynn said it could be frowned on by the taxpayers. Members asked for a vote. There were no votes in favor of the discount and all members voted against the discount.
2. Railroad Park Concert: 6/6/2018. Crunchy Western would be playing. Lynn and Barb questioned have a concert as they felt they were not aware of ongoing concerts. Sherri stated that it was in the Budget and there could be a concert every month. Sherri wants to speak on the Train. Sandi said she ran into Ken Smith and a note should be sent to him. The train delivery is still weeks out. Fred then spoke on the Train to be placed at the Park. He said that it was recommended that pressure treated lumber be placed under the cars to prevent early decay. He also said the company said you would want some kind of mulch around the cars. Members discussed this and said the barkfree mulch would be the best solution. Lynn pointed out that we ran into this problem before and Primex said we should use this kind of mulch.

Sherri will check with Dana at Agway and see what he thinks and get a price. Fred is to help Sherri to figure out how much mulch we might need. The figures will also figure out the pressure treated boards under the train. The train will be installed but we need to have the ground prepped. Lynn spoke about moving three tables and leaving two in place. Paula said at a meeting last week the tables were discussed and that the Beautification Committee could be involved. Barb spoke up and said that the five tables made it nice for birthday parties and other gatherings. She suggested maybe adding a couple of other tables around park for other use. Fred suggested that maybe we don't need to purchase the heavy cement tables and they might be less expensive.. There is concern as to the tables would not be damaged. Lynn suggested that we could put this on the budget for next year as we probably don't have any extra funding this year. The last item for the Park was that the Caboose has been moved closer to the intersection. Barb suggested everyone should go and look at the new location.

3. Fred asked questions about the Pool. He then asked about insurance at the pool. Sherri said that Woodsville Precinct covers the pool and the Town of Haverhill does not have to worry about it. Fred said we should be sure and have a copy of that policy for reference in case of an emergency. Fred will speak to the Town Administrator about coverage. Sandi said she would get an email right out and make sure we have coverage.
4. VFW Memorial Park Playground. Donation of \$1,000.00 and donation jar. She has been trying to speak with the individuals that worked on the Bath School Playground. Lynn would ask that the subcommittee meet after the meeting.
5. Discussion as to next meeting since July 4th, would not be a good day. Next meeting will be July 11th. Paula asked to be excused for that day as she is having shoulder surgery.

Adjourned: 7:27 p.m.

Submitted by: Lynn W. Wheeler