

**Minutes of Haverhill Recreation Committee**  
**Wednesday September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019**  
**6:00 PM**

**Draft subject to review, correction and approval at the next meeting.**

**Committee Members Present:** Lynn Wheeler, Jennifer West, Sherri Sargent, Barbara Dutile, Paula Cilbrith, Sandi Pierce and Tom Friel.

**Members of the Public Present:** None in attendance.

**Call Meeting to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:03 P.M. by Lynn Wheeler.

**Consent Agenda:** Jen made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Sandi seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**Director's Report:** Sherri shared that the British Soccer Camp was a success. Pickleball couldn't be going any better and the donation bucket generally collects between \$25 and \$30 each evening. There will be a cooking class held at HCMS from 4pm – 5pm. There were 44 attendees at the last Teen Night Pool Night and Sherri suggested holding one Pool Night in the Summer, since there are so many other events held all Summer. Other members agreed and suggested holding it at the end of July. The next Teen Night is scheduled for 9/20/19 at 7:00 P.M. French Pond and King Street Schools share Clifford Building with Sherri and they began school on 9/3/19. Sherri believes they'll be utilizing the space until November. Sandi stated the transfer of funds for the playground equipment hasn't been done yet and Sherri stated the request was made.

**Financial Report:** Members expressed concerns with the financial report, as it didn't seem to match what they should have for available funds. Sandi explained the beginning balance for the year should have been \$3,700, not \$2,500. \$1,817.00, the amount of funds raised at the Car Show, needs to be moved from Fundraiser/Donations Account into the Playground Account. There was question about the \$1,000 donation listed on 8/23/19. There were a few items that are listed on the financial report as debits, when they should be listed as credits as well. Sandi suggests making an appointment with TM Codling to discuss the inaccuracies and find a way to rectify it. Committee members suggested that Sherri keep her own spreadsheet with revenues and expenditures. Sandi made a motion to make an appointment with TM Codling to discuss the financial report. The motion was seconded, and it carried unanimously. Sandi will also email TM Codling voicing concerns about the budget issues.

**Playground Update:** The playground equipment has been ordered. Chips and speed bumps still need to be ordered. The Committee was given a quote for 100 yards of manufactured playground-safe chips for \$2,600. Funds raised at future fundraisers will go towards the maintenance and upkeep costs associated with the playground. It's suggested that the Committee have many bodies available to help install the playground and to have wheel barrows. The Committee discussed installing the playground on October 12<sup>th</sup> and posting the dates in the Bridge Weekly and/or Journal Opinion. Sandi suggested barbecuing and having waters available

for volunteers. Lynn will ensure VFW members are notified, should they want to volunteer as well.

**Railroad Park:** The closing concert is scheduled for 9/14/19 at Railroad Park from 5:00pm – 7:00pm. Parker Hill Road Band will be performing. A \$100 gift card will be purchased for a long-time volunteer.

**Youth Soccer:** Youth Soccer registration is scheduled for 9/4/19 and 9/11/19 from 3:00pm – 6:00pm. Generally, there are 50-60 registered players.

**Quarter Auction:** Sandi stated she has \$2,700 worth of prizes for the auction. Sandi presented the posters that were made for the auction. There are six confirmed vendors for the event with four more openings. Setup up will need to start the week of the auction, so this will need to be communicated with both the French Pond and King Street Schools. Doors will open at noon and the first ball will be called at 2:00. The auction should be wrapped up by 4:00 or 4:30 P.M. Food will be coming within the next week and will be stored at Gather Together Café. Marie Bjelobrk has volunteered to make a chili for the baked potato bar. Sandi stated they will determine who will run different stations (food, 50/50, etc...) soon. Committee members didn't see an issue with members purchasing paddles and bidding on items.

**Paddle the Border:** Paddle the Border is scheduled for October 6<sup>th</sup>. Mike Thomas emailed the Committee stating he has heard that the Rotary may not be able to do the cookout at the end of the paddle. In his email, Mike suggested that the Recreation Committee co-host the cookout with the North Country Council and Chamber and use the profits to promote the event, as numbers have been down. The event is the day after the Quarter Auction, so the timing is not ideal for the Committee. Paula made a motion to decline on co-hosting the cookout in the Spring and in the Fall. Barb seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**Granite Blocks:** At the last meeting, the Committee agreed they would like 35 granite blocks. The Committee stated they'd like to use them to line the drive. Committee members asked why the Town couldn't help move the blocks with the new or old loader. Funds are not available this year to pay to have someone move the blocks. Tom stated Committee members should mark the blocks they'd like. It was suggested that if the school is getting their 25 blocks for free, they could possibly assist the Recreation Committee in moving their 35 blocks. Tom suggested that Sherri talk to the Town Manager about how long the Recreation Committee has to come up with a plan on how to move the blocks. Sandi made a motion to mark the 35 blocks that the Committee would like. Barb seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Tom Friel abstained from voting.

**Bake Sale:** Sandi still needs folks to sign up to bring baked goods to the bake sale on 9/20/19 and 9/21/19. Chili will be made as well. Baked goods should be dropped off Thursday evening and then picked up Friday to bring to the bake sale.

**Meeting Adjourn:** Barb made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 P.M. Sandi seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.