

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

**Wednesday, January 5, 2022
At 7:00 PM**

DRAFT subject to review by the Commission

Commission Members:

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

Select Board Representative: Steve Robbins

Town Employees Present: None.

Visitors: None.

The meeting was **CALLED TO ORDER** at 7:12 PM by Jennifer West, Chair.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

- Pierce noted some corrections under the Ice Rink section.

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

PUBLIC DISCUSSION: None.

Director’s Report

- **Baseball clinics** have started at the J.R. Morrill (JRM) building with Coach Brent Cox on Wednesday evenings and Sunday afternoons. The Schedule is posted on the Town of Haverhill website. Thursday evenings are scheduled for pitchers and catchers, and Saturday is scheduled for hitting and fielding.
- **Winter HARP** camp had 21 children registered and all went well for the first 3 days. The third day it was reported that one of the campers from Piermont had tested positive for COVID-19; therefore, the camp was closed. Parents were provided a refund for 2 days. It was later determined that one counselor also tested positive for Covid. Sanville noted that an additional student who attended the camp tested positive.

As head of the Winter HARP camp, Sanville provided a summary of the activities. Sanville noted that the 3 days of the camp were “spectacular.” Sanville reported on the reptile CROC program by Christina Swaan (<https://www.crocnhvt.com/>) held on Monday and, on Tuesday, the Mr. Rich Youth Beatz program (<https://www.creativeground.org/profile/youth-beatz-mr-rich>). Sanville stated that the campers were enthusiastic, and parents asked if the program would be scheduled for the February and April school breaks. Sargent said she will look at the budget and consider offering two more weeks of the program. Sanville noted that the extra weeks are a good option for the kids, and parents will welcome the school-break programs. Sanville stated that the staff was enthusiastic about seeing the campers again.

- **Ice Rink** is set up at the JRM and fully operational. Jim McKinnon from Town of Haverhill Maintenance Department has done the work to get the rink up and running. Many thanks to the Town of Haverhill Fire Department for filling the rink. Sanville noted that the rink was closed for a day because of melting.
- **Teen Nights** are still on hold with the pandemic and increase in local numbers.
- **Youth Basketball** is slated to run starting on Sunday, January 9 at Haverhill Middle School, but there was a delay in scheduling because Coach Laura Sjolander was not able to coach this year. Cassie Moulton has volunteered to coach with high school volunteers and will be masking up for the safety of all who play. The Youth Basketball will begin **Sunday, January 2, 2022, at 9:00 AM**. Sargent stated that 22 players were registered, and that T shirts are provided. VanNorden offered to help with Sanville for the basketball program, and Sargent reminded all volunteers to sign in to meet liability requirements.

Sargent thanked Sanville for covering the programs during the time Sargent has been out on medical leave.

- **Cornhole** continues to run at the Clifford Memorial Building (CMB) twice per week on various days. Eric Thornton with Twin State Slingers is the liaison for this program, and he and his wife Dawn are doing well with the number of contestants and teams.
- **Pickleball** continues Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 6:00 PM and Saturday mornings at 9:00 AM. Sanville continues to be the liaison and ensures it runs smoothly. Sanville noted that the numbers of players are down, but the few who play are enthusiastic.
- **Antique Stroller walking program** and Senior Stretch classes are on hold until Sargent returns on January 18.
- **Drums Alive** will return on January 19 at the Horse Meadow Senior Center and will continue Monday and Wednesday afternoons.

NEW BUSINESS

Blackmount Snowshoe Event / Friday, January 21, 2022, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Sargent announced that the Stoddard's welcome the event back at the Blackmount Country Club. Sargent noted that the lodge will not be open because of Covid, but there is a pavilion with a fire pit for warming up after the walk around the gold course. West will provide hot chocolate and cookies. Pierce volunteered to help set up the tiki torches during the day. VanNorden also volunteered to help as needed.

West noted that a flyer for all the events could be posted at the schools.

Winterfest Mtn. Lakes Recreation / Sunday, February 20 from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Sargent stated that the Recreation Department is partnering with Mtn. Lakes to sponsor the Winterfest at the Mtn. Lakes Lodge. Sargent announced that the sledding hill is open, and there will be a cardboard box race and an obstacle course. Sargent noted that she, Diane Rappa, and the Mtn. Lake Commissioners work the event.

Lake to Lodge / Fun Run & Walk / Saturday, May 14 at 9:00 AM

Sargent announced that the Mtn. Lakes Recreation Commission sponsors this event and has invited the Haverhill Recreation Department to participate in a fun walk to the lakes.

Railroad Park Concert / Saturday, May 21 at

Sargent scheduled the first 2022 concert for May 21 with the Parker Hill Road Band. Sargent asked the Commissioners to consider making a festival day of this to include a cornhole tournament during the day, food truck vendors, and the concert at night.

West agreed to make this kick-off concert of the summer an all-day event. West suggested scheduling the cornhole tournament from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM, then the band could be set up from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

Car Show / Saturday, May 28 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Sargent confirmed the date from Julie Libby at Grafton County Complex to hold the Third-Annual Car Show on May 28.

Evening on the Lake Paddle / Friday, August 12 from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Sargent announced partnering with the Mtn. Lakes Recreation to sponsor a Mtn. Lakes evening canoeing, kayaking, rafting event.

