

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

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

**Commission Members:**

Jennifer West, Chair  
Sherri Sargent, Recreation Director  
Sandi Pierce

Mona Sanville  
Dawn Burleson  
Kevin VanNorden

**Town Employees Present:** None.

**Select Board Representative:** Steve Robbins (absent)

**Visitors:** None.

The meeting was **CALLED TO ORDER** at 6:05 PM by Jennifer West, Chair. A quorum was met.

**Roll Call Attendance:** Jennifer West, Chair; Sherri Sargent, Recreation Director; Sandi Pierce; Mona Sanville; Dawn Burleson; and Kevin VanNorden

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION #1:** Sanville made the motion to accept the minutes from **Wednesday, March 3, 2021**, and Pierce seconded the motion.

**Voice vote:** All members stated "Aye." The motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION:** None.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Director's Report**

- Director Sargent will be taking off many Fridays because vacation time has accumulated.
- Sargent stated that there are many active cases of Covid in the Woodsville High School. Sargent's son has an active case, so Sargent will be quarantined for 14 days. Programs that Sargent does not lead will continue, although Sargent will be leading some from home.

**Programs**

1. The **Walking Group** continues Monday through Friday at the Clifford Building from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM.
2. Weekly **Pickleball** games are going strong and continue Monday and Wednesdays at 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM and Saturday mornings from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM at the Clifford Building. Sanville noted that the games are going great. Sargent announced that this coming Monday, Pickleball is canceled because of the overflow needed at the Select Board meeting Monday night.

3. **Senior Stretch** classes continue on Zoom on Monday through Thursdays, and Sargent will be facilitating the classes from home.
4. Jim and Ruth Strout continue to be our liaisons for the **Acoustic Music Jams**. The schedule runs through the end of 2021. As more people are vaccinated, the audience has increased. The next Music Jam is April 11. Sanville noted that at the last Jam there were 26 people.
5. As of today, our **In-Person Movement & Stretch** classes Tuesday and Thursday afternoons are on a 14-day hold because of Covid.
6. **Teen Night Open Gym** was cancelled in March with Covid in the high school and middle school. Sanville stated that she feels that the Commission should wait to reschedule the Teen Nights. Burleson said if the Teen Nights were held, there would be little participation.
7. Sargent gave a run-down of the **Easter Egg DROP** held April 3 on the Haverhill Corner Town Green, and expressed how pleased she was with the event. West noted that the Commission should keep the Haverhill Commons in mind in the future, including day or partial day activities so the children and parents remain in the area. Sanville noted that Taylor Wright wishes to be the permanent Easter bunny, and all members noted how she enhanced the event. Pierce recommended that a Thank You email go to the Commissioners at Haverhill Corner. Sargent stated that she will thank the Woodsville Fire Department and the Haverhill Corner Commissioners.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Events at the Clifford Building**

1. Sargent discussed the **Movie Night** scheduled for this weekend showing the first in the Harry Potter series. Sargent questioned the members about going forward with the movie night, and all recommended cancelling for the safety of the community. Sargent asked West to disseminate the cancellation notice throughout the schools, and Sargent will post the notice on Facebook. West suggested an outside Movie Night. Sanville suggested having the projector in the pavilion at Railroad Park. VanNorden noted that the weather is dry and 73 degrees on Saturday. Members expressed concern and preferred not to go head with the Movie Night this Saturday. Sargent did a roll call of the Commissioners on whether to hold the movie: Sanville (No), West (No), Burleson (No), Pierce (No), Kevin (No), and Sargent (No). Sargent stated that the Movie Night is cancelled for April and she will proceed with scheduling the Harry Potter movie for **Saturday, May 8, 2021, from 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM**. Volunteers were requested for the May event, and West, Sanville, Burleson, and VanNorden all volunteered.
2. Sargent announced that a **Paint & Sip with Buckets** event is coming up **Thursday, April 22** with Katrina Wildenstein. There are still 10 openings, and the class will show painting on a sap bucket. Katrina donates \$5 per attendee to the Parks & Recreation Department, and Sargent noted that it is a successful fundraiser.
3. Sargent announced that the first notice of the summer **HARP** has been posted and will be run like the schools' protocol with small pods of children. Sargent will be hiring staff with experience with children, and advertisements have been distributed. To register for the program, a handbook and a registration form are online on the Town's website under Announcements & Job Opportunities on the main page menu bar. Sargent noted that because of no fundraising in 2020, the HARP program has no scholarships available this year; however, prepaying for HARP has savings.

Sargent discussed the logistics of HARP for 2021, including daily drop-off, preplanning, and prepaying.

4. Sargent announced that **Concerts** are scheduled for Railroad Park. Most of the schedule has been filled in. In May, the Parker Hill Road Band will be playing. On May 22, there will be a concert at Railroad Park from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Other groups include Beer Nights on 5:00 PM to 7:30 PM on Saturday, June 12. Concerts later in the summer include: July 17 -- Crunchie Western Boys, August -- Conniption Fits, and September -- pending.
5. **Paddle the Border** is scheduled for Sunday, May 23, from 9:00 AM. Most of the members enthusiastically stated they will attend. Sargent has not heard from Mike Thomas as to the volunteering needs.
6. **Movie Night** in June is scheduled for a Sunday, June 13, and asked for agreement from the members. The members were in agreement. The members discussed the date of schools closing for the summer – June 10, and Sargent noted that HARP starts June 14. Sargent gave a run-down of that weekend in June: June 12 (Railroad Park concert) and June 13 (Movie Night).
7. **The Quarter Auction** items have started to arrive by mail. A 2-person ski ticket voucher and a gift certificate have been received. Pierce has not sent out the vendors' invitations as yet, but otherwise planning is underway.
8. **Car Show.** Sargent announced that the Car Show will be held at the Grafton County complex (rain or shine) on Saturday, May 29, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

Sargent discussed the advertisement flyers, which she is receiving calls about. Sargent has contacted the car clubs and has been getting interest. West noted that she has been working on the trophies and needs a list of categories to go ahead and get a quote.

#### **Follow-Up Budget Discussion**

Sargent discussed the follow up from the Town election and, as a result, the Town is reverting to last year's budget. Parks & Rec Department will be OK, and Sargent has been negotiating with the SAU about a mini school bus (5 years old with 35,000 miles) for sale to use for the HARP and for expanding our programs. Sargent made an offer from money she has in the budget, and the SAU accepted it. More to come. West expressed how great a bus would be for the summer program, seniors, and the community.

#### **NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, May 5, 2021, at 6:00 PM**

- Pierce will be absent from next month's Rec meeting.

#### **ADJOURN**

**MOTION #2:** Pierce made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:44 PM, Sanville seconded the motion.

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

*Transcribed by Joanna Bligh*