

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

**Wednesday, June 9, 2021
[Rescheduled from June 2, 2021]
At 6:00 PM**

Commission Members:

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

Town Employees Present: None.

Select Board Representative: Steve Robbins (absent)

Visitors: None.

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION #1: Pierce made the motion to accept the minutes from **Wednesday, May 12, 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. Tonight’s meeting was rescheduled from Wednesday, June 2 as quorum was not met.
2. A Railroad Park Concert with the Parker Hill Road band was held on Saturday, May 22, to a large crowd. Concessions were sold and brought in \$234.00, and Dianne Rappa ‘passed the hat’ and brought in an additional \$396.00 in donations. The crowd-pleasing show was amazing. Commission member Mona Sanville worked the event. Sargent thanks Sanville for her work.
3. Paddle the Border was held on Sunday, May 23, and Sargent was at the launch site to assist with equipment and help those entering the water. Approximately, 66 boats and a few paddleboards that launched from Woodsville.
4. Our 2nd Annual Car Show was held on Saturday, May 29, at the Grafton County Complex with 59 cars registered! We took in \$560.00 in registration fees, \$300.00 in the donation jar at the door, \$180.00 in the 50/50 raffle, and \$763.00 in concessions/t-shirt sales, totaling \$1,803.00. Parks & Recreation Commission members Jennifer West, Mona Sanville, Sandi Pierce, and Sherri Sargent worked the event. Dawn Burleson was ill. Sargent noted that the group had many compliments, and it was a beautiful day. The Commissioners discussed next year’s event, and Grafton County

administration were happy to have the group there. Sargent stated that clean-up was done very quickly.

5. The Walking Group Senior Friends has continued Monday through Friday at the Clifford Building from 11:00 to 12:00, but will move to the James R. Morrill Building starting Monday, June 14, because of Summer Camp programs.
6. ZOOM Stretch continues through June 11 and will be put on hold until after Summer Camp.
7. Pickleball games continue, but will move to Tuesdays and Thursdays 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM and Saturday mornings 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM at the Clifford Building.
8. Jim and Ruth Strout continue to be our liaisons for the Acoustic Music Jams. June music jams are the Sunday, June 6, and Sunday, June 20. Attendance is picking up after the pandemic, but it does depend on the weather – if it is too hot, we do not have good attendance.

NEW BUSINESS

HARP. Sargent announced 28 attendees registered with 15 full time attendees and most will be attending two to three days a week. The children will be broken up into age groups. Sargent noted that drop-ins are allowed at a higher rate per day. Sargent noted that staff was difficult to find this year, so she increased the hourly rate to \$15.00/hour, and she now has four staff members. Sargent stated that the camp sessions will follow Covid guidelines from the CDC, which includes wearing masks indoors and outdoors.

Sargent noted that the program has a bus driver, and the bus is going in for a paint job and will have installed either magnetic or “skin” signs on the side. The bus will not be available until July. For HARP, Sargent stated that the Friday field trips are still planned. Sargent announced that the Haverhill Area Substance Misuse Prevention Coalition is sponsoring a motivational, anti-bullying speaker and percussion drummer Mr. Rich to present a program called Youth Beats, and he will be in Haverhill from Tuesday to Friday from 10:00 AM to 2:30 PM.

Central Street Market. Sanville, in discussion with Sargent, noted that there are few vendors signed up for the Saturday, June 12 opening of the Central Street Market. The members discussed making a vendor confirmation deadline and notifying them as early as possible if the market is canceled. Sanville reported that last season they had interest in including retail booths, such as nail techs and arts and crafts, which they plan for this year. The start date is Saturday, June 12, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

Pierce recommended measuring spaces for vendors at the Market.

Railroad Park Concert. Sargent announced that the Railroad Park Concert with the Beer Knights from 5:00 PM to 7:30 PM will be held Saturday night after the Central Street Market. Pierce volunteered to work at the concert. The members discussed how the Beer Knights have a large following and bring in large crowds. Food vending was discussed noting that six boxes of hot dogs were sold last year.

For this weekend’s concert with the Parker Hill Road Band, food inventories were discussed.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, July 7, 2021, at 6:00 PM

ADJOURN

MOTION #2: Pierce made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:27 PM, Sanville seconded the motion.

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

Transcribed by Joanna Bligh