

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

**Wednesday, March 3, 2021
At 6:00 PM**

DRAFT subject to review by the Commission

Commission Members Present:

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

Town Employees Present: None.

Select Board Representative: Steve Robbins

Visitor: Kevin VanNorden

The meeting was **CALLED TO ORDER** at 6:05 PM by Sherri Sargent. A quorum was met.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION #1: Pierce made the motion to accept the minutes from **Wednesday, February 10, 2021**, and West seconded the motion.

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

New Member

Sargent noted that Kevin VanNorden is going in front of the Select Board on March 15, 2021, to be sworn in as a member of the Parks & Recreation Commission.

Excused

Sargent noted that Steve Robbins is excused from the meeting tonight.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION: None.

OLD BUSINESS

Director's Report

Programs

1. We continue with our daily walking group Monday through Friday at the Clifford Building from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM.
2. Weekly Pickleball games are now available to the community evenings 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.
3. Daily ZOOM Stretch classes are offered Monday through Friday, and they are well attended.

4. Acoustic Music Jams are continuing twice per month. The next two events are on March 14 and 28. Mona Sanville covers the event and assists our Music Jam liaisons Jim and Ruth Strout with the set-up and take-down of the sound equipment.
5. In-person Movement & Stretch classes Tuesday and Thursday afternoons are active. With precautions in place, we have started to incorporate some Drums Alive with this class. Equipment is wiped down with sanitizing wipes after use and masks are worn.
6. VanNorden has not yet attended the Select Board meeting for their approval of VanNorden to the Parks & Recreation Commission, but he is slated to attend at their next scheduled meeting, which is March 15.
7. Our first Teen Night Open Gym was held on Friday, February 26. Covid-19 precautions were in place with only students from the Haverhill Cooperative Middle School in grades 6, 7, and 8 being allowed in. We had 16 students and were not disappointed in that number for our first time. The teens were respectful and happy to be able to visit with their friends. Equipment and supplies used were sanitized at the end of the evening. Sanville and Pierce volunteered for the event and assisted Sargent with the evening.
8. The Quarter Auction items have started to arrive by mail. A 2-person ski ticket voucher and a gift certificate have been received. Thank you to Sandi for getting an early start on collecting items for the October auction.
9. A new-release movie, *The Croods 2: A New Age*, was offered at the Clifford Memorial Building on Saturday, February 27. A matinee was held at 2:00 PM with another showing at 6:30 PM. We had 16 at the first showing and 12 at the second showing. A disappointing turnout for a new release movie. The movie was sponsored by Abby O'Donnell from Ab's Boot Camp, and we thank Abby for her support to the community. Sherri and Sandi worked the 2:00 PM showing and Mona and Dawn Burlison attended the evening showing. Sargent noted that even though there was a disappointing number of attendees, the movies will continue.

NEW BUSINESS

Events at the Clifford Building

1. Sargent announced that a **Paint & Sip** event is coming up Thursday, March 4 with Katrina with 6 people registered for this class. There are still openings, and Katrina would like to do monthly Paint & Sip classes. Katrina donates \$5 per attendee to the Parks & Recreation Department.
2. Sargent discussed the monthly **Movie Nights** and reported that the Haverhill Area Substance Misuse Coalition has decided to sponsor the Movie Nights for a movie-a-month between March and September for a total of \$1,900 with the movies costing about \$225 to \$275 each.

Sargent and the members discussed offering a movie at the Middle School, but Sargent noted that the proceeds would go to the PTA. West suggested a different location than the Clifford Building for the movie showing. Members' discussion continued. VanNorden asked how the Movie Nights are being advertised, and Sargent replied social media, school, instant alert, and more. Sargent noted that these nights put a lot of pressure on the Commission for staffing. Sargent suggested the whole series of eight Harry Potter movies be shown. The members suggested trying it out. A date was decided on: Saturday, March 27 at 7:00 PM—one showing only. Members volunteered.

3. **Teen Night.** Sargent noted how successful teen night was and suggested keeping the 6, 7, 8th graders as the selected group. The members agreed. They scheduled Friday, March 26 at 6:00 PM as the next Teen Night to be capped at 35 teens. Volunteers were selected. Sanville suggested setting up volleyball.
4. **Easter Egg Hunt.** Sargent noted that Easter is Sunday, April 4. Sargent suggested an Easter Egg event on Saturday, April 3, from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM, and to have it at Haverhill Corner Green. Sargent suggested having the Woodsville Fire Department ladder truck drop the eggs on the Green for kids to pick up and once the child has an egg in hand, they can go to the prize table. The members like the idea. VanNorden volunteered to check on the availability of the ladder truck. The members also suggested the Community Field. Sargent recalled that in 2019 there were over 200 people at the event on the Clifford Building grounds. The members discussed the logistics of dropping the eggs and selecting the age groups for gathering the eggs. The egg drops were scheduled for 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM for the young kids and 11:00 AM for the older kids.

Sargent noted that Pierce will communicate with Haverhill Corner about the event and attend the next precinct meeting. VanNorden will discuss using the ladder truck with Chief Robbins. While at the meeting, VanNorden texted Chief Robbins and got an affirmative for the event. Volunteers were requested.

5. **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. Sargent has contacted the car club for advertising and engaged the photographer from last year. VanNorden suggested contacting the motorcycle clubs to bring their motorcycles to the event. Sanville stated that she has a list of vendors for the event and will send letters out. The vendors will be charged a \$20 fee. Tee shirts were discussed.

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

ADJOURN

MOTION #2: Pierce made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 PM, Sanville seconded the motion.

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

Transcribed by Joanna Bligh