



**Haverhill Parks & Recreation Commission
MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, January 11, 2023, at 6:05 PM

**Clifford Memorial Building
65 Court Street
Woodsville, NH 03785**

CALL TO ORDER: Jennifer West, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

Members in Attendance: Sherri Sargent, Director; Steve Robbins, ex officio; Mona Sanville; Sandi Pierce; Jennifer West, Chair; Dawn Burleson. A quorum was met.

Members excused: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Members approved the minutes.

MOTION #1: Pierce made the motion and Sanville seconded the motion to approve the minutes from **December 7, 2022**, as amended.

Voice Vote: All approved. None opposed. None abstained. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

Director's Report:

1. The **Christmas Vacation Harp Camp** wasn't as well attended as was hoped. There were only 8 participants. Parks and Recreation may rethink the program for the future if low attendance continues. We'd like to give a special thank you to Grace Moore for taking on the role of counselor for the program while Sanville was on vacation!
2. **Sherri Sargent** reported that she recently returned from the New England Parks & Recreation Conference held on January 4, 5, and 6, which she

attends each year and is excited to share what she learned, particularly regarding summer camp programs going forward.

3. **Cornhole** continues Friday nights at the Clifford Memorial Building at 6 PM.
4. A big thank you to Christy Tousha who has been teaching **Line Dancing** on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 PM!
5. **Senior Stretch** program continues Monday through Thursday at the Clifford Memorial Building. Additionally, the **Walking Program** will continue running Monday through Friday. Diane Kirkwood will continue to cover the program on Fridays as Sargent uses some of her earned time. Thanks Diane!
6. **Drums Alive** at the Horse Meadow Senior Center continues twice per week. Drums Alive class is now occasionally combined with **Line Dancing** at the Horse Meadow Senior Center Mondays and Wednesdays at 1:00 PM.
7. **Pickleball** continues Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:00 to 8:00 PM and Saturday mornings at 9:00 to 11:00 AM.
8. **Acoustic Music Jams** were held twice in December. So many thanks to Jim and Ruth Strout for leading the program!
9. The **Car Show**, at the Grafton County Complex, slated for May 27, 2023, has been approved by the Grafton County Commissioners and has been added to the website calendar. We're looking forward to this event!

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Baseball clinics** preparations are underway. Sargent spoke with **Brent Cox**, who will be running the program this year. Programs will run for all ages on Saturdays starting January 14 and continuing on January 28, February 4, 18, 25, and March 11 and 18. Times are as follows: 8:30 to 10:00 AM for grades 3 through 6; 10:00 to 11:30 AM for grades 7, 8, and through high school; and 11:30 to 12:30 for kindergarteners and first and second graders. For more information, please refer to the Park & Recreation's website calendar. Please note, there is a one-time \$25.00 registration fee.
2. Due to unforeseen scheduling conflicts January's **Teen Night** was canceled. The next **Teen Night** will be held sometime in March. Please stay tuned for more details.

3. There will be a **Valentine's Father's-Daughter's Dance** on Saturday, February 11, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM, which is open to kindergarteners through the sixth graders. There will be concessions and a photo option!
4. The next **Paint and Sip** is scheduled for January 24, starting at 6 PM. We'll be painting a beautiful winter scene that you can take home. There is a \$30.00 class fee.
5. The **Snowshoe Event** at the Blackmount Country Club is scheduled for January 28, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. The event will be held no matter what the weather conditions are. Please come prepared. We look forward to seeing you there.
6. The next **Acoustic Music Jam** is Sunday, February 5. The Strout's who have been graciously leading these programs twice a month will go down to just once per month going forward. Sargent is open to hearing from folks who are musically inclined and to discuss other music program ideas, such as open mic.
7. The new **Preschool Playgroup** started on January 12. It will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM at the Clifford Memorial Building. This is not a drop-off program, but rather an opportunity to facilitate connections, so please plan to stay with your child during the program.
8. There's a new option for **Line Dancing** for folks who don't like to drive at night. The classes are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM at the Clifford Memorial Building.
9. Sherri Sargent mentioned she was contacted by a **homeschool group** regarding using the Clifford Memorial Building's gym to play pool, ping pong, and for other games. Sargent is open to this idea and hopes to use the space for more activities such as this in the future.
10. A bowling trip to the **St. Johnsbury Bowling Alley** took place at the beginning of January. The bus now has a new driver. Fun was had by all. Stay tuned for more trips in the future.
11. Sargent also reported that she met with the advisory board recently and went over the Parks & Recreation Department budget. She did present them with a request to approve additional work hours for Mona Sanville, and she submitted her budget requests for the upcoming year, which were approved.
12. It was noted that **Mr. Kinder's** class has been using the skating rink on Wednesdays, which started in mid-January and is running for 6 weeks. They've been having a great time!

ADJOURN:

MOTION #2: Sandi Pierce made the motion, and Dawn Burleson seconded the motion to adjourn at 6:42 PM.

