



**Haverhill Parks & Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 3, 2024, at 6:00 PM
Clifford Memorial Building
65 S. Court Street
Woodsville, NH 03785**

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Jennifer West called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Members in Attendance: Chair Jennifer West, Sherri Sargent, Joe Longacre, Dawn Burlison (excused), and Sandi Pierce. A quorum was met.

Visitors: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION #1: Pierce made the motion, seconded by West, to approve the meeting minutes from **December 6, 2023**, as written.

Voice Vote: All in favor, none opposed, none abstained. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION: None.

OLD BUSINESS

Director's Report by Sherri Sargent

- 1. Softball Clinics** at Morrill Building (JRM) have continued with 12 registered for the Sunday clinics and 12 high school students practicing softball on Wednesdays. Dana has all the equipment he needs.
- 2. Our first Storytime with Santa & Mrs. Claus** was held on Sunday, December 10, at the Clifford Memorial Building (CMB) with many families partaking in the event. There were approximately 70 people attending this event. Santa was played by Arthur 'Whimp' Boutin of Lisbon, NH, and Mrs. Clause was played by Raymah Simpson from Bristol, NH. Cookies were decorated and letters were written to Santa. Santa and Mrs. Claus stayed for photo opportunities. Many thanks to the Woodsville Fire Department for delivering Santa and the Haverhill Fire Department for delivering Mrs. Claus.

3. The Haverhill Parks & Recreation bus was used for a **Senior Field Trip** on Thursday, December 14 to Littleton for lunch and then a trip to the Weathervane Theatre to see the “Winter Wonderettes.” We had 15 on the trip, and Jim Strout was the bus driver for the event. The seniors were happy with the trip and suggested we go more often. Longacre asked the capacity of the bus, and Sargent replied about 16 adults.
 - The Haverhill Police Department used the bus to take officers to training in Concord last month.
4. From December 26 through 29, Parks & Recreation held a 4-day **winter HARP Day Camp**. We asked for a minimum of 20 children to hold the camp, and there were 23 in attendance. Many thanks to Sanville for another successful camp! We did have a very nice testimonial from a parent who was thrilled with the winter program. Sargent and Sanville are considering a HARP camp during April vacation, and have sent out a message to parents if there is a need.
5. **Pickleball** continues Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:00 to 8:00 PM and Saturday mornings from 9:00 to 11:00.
6. **Line Dance Class** with Christy Tousha continues at CMB Wednesdays from 6:00 to 7:00 PM.
7. **Cornhole** is offered Friday evenings with Eric Thornton and is open to all.
8. **Senior Stretch** classes continue daily in the morning from 10:00 to 11:00 Monday through Friday.
9. Our next **Craft & Vendor Fair** is scheduled for this Saturday, January 27, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.
10. Our **Acoustic Music Jams** have continued and will now be bimonthly for the next few months. The next Music Jam is Sunday, January 7. There is an **Appreciation Breakfast** on January 7 at 9:30 AM at Shiloh’s for the musicians and for the Strout’s who have made our jams what they are. Parks & Recreation Commission members are welcome to attend.
11. The **Antique Strollers** are still going strong Monday through Friday at CMB from 11:00 AM through 12:30 PM.
12. **Drums Alive** continues at Horse Meadow Senior Center Monday and Wednesdays. The Center and its clients are pleased we continue to offer programs for their seniors.
13. **Adult Volleyball** continues with Brittany Ingerson on Saturday evenings from 5:00 to 7:00 during basketball season at the Haverhill Cooperative Middle School.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Budget Advisory Committee Presentation** will be held Friday, January 12 at 5:00 PM at JRM. Longacre noted that he will be attending the meeting and asked if there are any issues she will need to address. Sargent replied that her budget is flat, but she would like to streamline payments using software during registrations and obtain playground equipment for Railroad Park. Sargent noted that her department revenues have been up this year.

- 2. Teen Night with DJ Kev on January 12.** Sargent noted that volunteer chaperones are needed on the 12th with her conflict with the Advisory Budget Committee presentation at JRM.
- 3. Paint & Sip with Katrina on January 18.** Sargent noted that Katrina sent an image of what she wants the class to paint that day.
- 4. Snowshoe Walk at Blackmount Country Club on February 3.** Sargent noted that she hopes there will be snow, and it will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 PM.
- 5. Winterfest with Mountain Lakes Recreation on February 18.** Sargent stated that Winterfest is from 12:00 noon to 3:00 PM and is a sliding gathering with an obstacle course at the Mt. Lakes Lodge. Snacks will be served.
- 6. Safe Sitters Essentials Class TBA.** Sargent stated she is working with a trainer who has Priority One training and will teach a babysitting class from 6th through 8th graders for 6 ½ hours with CPR training at \$130. Sargent is tentatively considering Friday, March 1, for the training, and she has had overwhelming response from parents and students.

Discussion:

- Chair West asked about the Teen Night and if Sargent has everything.
- Sargent said she did, and she would like to include 8th graders if there were more chaperones.
- Members discussed teens dropping their bags at the door and having to be monitored when going to the bathroom.

START-OF-YEAR MEETING

Sargent noted that each Commission member in the March meeting has to indicate if they will continue as a member.

Discussion:

Sargent asked the members how they foresee the Commission's activities for 2024. Pierce noted that she would not change anything, except maybe more members. Longacre asked about surveying parents about different activities for kids. Sargent noted that she would like to target more programs towards seniors. Longacre asked about the advertising on the Rail Trail and if it's up to date, and Sargent replied Yes, and she has another sandwich board for advertising in Woodsville. Longacre asked about the skating rink, and Sargent replied that once it is in place, she will advertise it with lights for evening skating.

ADJOURN

MOTION #2: Chair West made the motion, seconded by Pierce, to adjourn the meeting at 6:41 PM.

Voice Vote: All in favor, none opposed, none abstained. The motion passed unanimously.

