



**Haverhill Parks & Recreation Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, October 4, 2023, at 6:00 PM  
Clifford Memorial Building  
65 S. Court Street  
Woodsville, NH 03785**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Jennifer West called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

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

**Visitor:** Mona Sanville.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION #1:** Pierce made the motion, seconded by Burlson, to approve the meeting minutes from **September 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. RR Park Concerts** with the Parker Hill Road Band, Two Crows for Comfort, and The Rough & Tumble Band were held in September with all bands receiving a warm welcome. The turnout was good for shows, and the concert season is now over. Jim McKinnon has done a good job keeping the weeds down on the embankment overlooking the river. Due to a shortage in the budget, it looks like we will not be able to complete the Memorial Path as expected in 2023. Longacre suggested a donation of sand to get the work completed. Sargent thanked Longacre for his time and labor.
- 2. The Wolverines Soccer** players are doing amazing with 114 children registered. The team will be playing in the Halloween Cup and Soccerfest in

October. Many thanks to Dave Robinson and volunteer coaches for their assistance.

3. **After School Enrichment Program:** Sanville and Sargent continue at the Haverhill Cooperative Middle School twice per week for after-school enrichment programs. Sargent noted that she is seeking volunteers to work at the After-School Program as volunteers are always needed.
4. Our **Craft & Vendor Fair** in September was good with a strong showing of new vendors and many new patrons. Our next Craft Fair is Saturday, October 21.
5. The **Acoustic Music Jam** was held in September with no problems reported. The next Jam is Sunday, October 8, 12:00 to 3:00 PM at CMB.
6. A determination was made by the Town Manager Codling that **Adult Volleyball** must move out of the JRM building due to concerns of the JRM gym floor. Sargent was able to contact the Athletic Director, Lori Taylor, Woodsville High School (WHS), to obtain permission to move volleyball to the Haverhill Cooperative Middle School (HCMS). Sargent did speak with Primex to confirm that there would be insurance coverage if the volleyball program was moved to another location or town. Brittany Ingerson will remain the contact person for this program, which continues Thursdays 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Sargent noted how welcoming Athletic Director Taylor and the staff at HCMS was to receive the Recreation Department's adult volleyball program.
7. The **Antique Strollers** are walking daily at the Clifford Building from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM.
8. **Pre-School Play Group** is scheduled for Tuesday, Wednesdays, and Thursdays in the morning 8:30 to 9:45.
9. **Paddle the Border** was held on Sunday, October 1, 2023. The day was sunny and warm. The canoes and kayaks paddled from Newbury Crossing to Bugbee Landing in Bradford, Vermont. The spring Paddle the Border is May 19, 2024.
10. **Drums Alive** continues at Horse Meadow Senior Center Mondays and Wednesdays.
11. **Pickleball** continues Tuesday and Thursday evenings 6:00 to 8:00 PM and Saturday mornings from 9:00 to 11:00 AM.
12. **Line Dance** class with Christi Tousha continues at CMB Wednesdays from 6:00 to 7:00 PM.
13. **Cornhole** has started on Friday evenings and is open to all.
14. **Paint & Sips** are returning in October with Katrina. A schedule is being worked out.
15. On September 25, we had a **Martial Arts-inspired workout class**, which is scheduled for Mondays through November 6 from 6:00 to 7:00 PM. There was minimal attendance: four participants in the first class and five in the second class. Craig Davis will continue with the 6-week program, and the costs are \$15 per class or \$75 for 6 weeks, and a donation will go to Haverhill Parks & Recreation.
16. Haverhill Parks & Recreation **Teen Hub at CMB** is open for teens on Monday and Wednesdays from 3:00 to 5:00 PM. A few teens have attended, but there

should be more coming when we have an Open House on November 6. Sargent noted that there have been donations of a few chairs and a couch in one of the CMB smaller rooms. Sargent noted that they are looking for a carpet and lamps. Sargent and Sanville did meet with Mariah Coulstring from the Haverhill Area Substance Misuse and Prevention Coalition and Joseph Mitchell (WHS) who support what we are offering and will help with getting the word out.

- 17. Movie Night with Mountain Lakes:** Sargent has been asked if Parks & Recreation Department would like to co-sponsor a movie night with Mt. Lakes Recreation at the Lodge in Mt. Lakes with the date to be determined. Sargent noted that a Friday night from 6:00 to 8:00 PM would possibility be scheduled in November or December. Awaiting a call from Linda Johanson on specific dates.
- 18. Teen Nights** will be returning in November with date TBD. Sargent stated that the Teen Nights are contingent upon the number of volunteers available for supervision.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Bake Sale I91 Park & Ride**

The **I91 Bake Sale** is scheduled for Friday, October 6, and Saturday, October 7, from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Sargent discussed the logistics of Friday morning set up and when to end the day. The members discussed having a cash jar for donations and how to secure the money overnight. Pierce volunteered as the main organizer for Friday and Saturday. Sargent noted that Jim and Ruth Strout, Acoustic Music Jam organizers, were willing to attend the Bake Sale for the whole day. Sargent thanked everyone for their baked goods.

### **Senior Bus Trip**

Sargent discussed the Senior Bus Trip on Thursday, October 19, to West Lebanon to Kotos Japanese Restaurant and then to White River Junction Northern Stage Theater to see "Selling Kabul" for a 2:00 matinee. Sargent stated that the individual costs are \$30 for the theater, \$20 for the bus ride, and lunch is self-pay.

### **Haunted Happenings**

Haunted Happenings is scheduled for Saturday, October 28, from 7:00 to 10:00 PM at Hazen Park. There will be a group gathering to discuss the design after tonight's meeting.

### **6th Annual Cold Turkey Plunge**

Sargent stated that the Cold Turkey Plunge is scheduled for Sunday, November 19, at 1:00 PM, and more details will be at the next meeting. Sargent noted that sponsorships of \$50/person and \$35 for children are solicited for those who will take the plunge. Sargent noted that she will request the lakeside for the event from the Mt. Lakes Recreation Commission. Burlson volunteered to collect the donations/sponsorships.

