



**Haverhill Parks & Recreation Commission
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, November 2, 2022, at 7:00 PM
Clifford Memorial Building
65 Court Street
Woodsville, NH 03785**

CALL TO ORDER: Jennifer West, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:10 PM.

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

Members excused: Dawn Burluson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION #1: Pierce made the motion and Sanville seconded the motion to approve the minutes from **October 5, 2022**, as written.

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

PUBLIC DISCUSSION: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

Director's Report:

- 1. Haunted Happenings** on October 29th was a great success. The evening was warm and clear. Changes were made to the design this year with having a wagon dropping folks off outside Hazen Park. Additionally, we had a marked trail for people to follow with a leader to guide them. Seemingly, it was much more of an adventure with people walking the trail and experiencing a few more scares along the way. Comments were very positive, and there were 83 attendees. Feedback will be solicited from the actors, volunteers, and participants as to how to improve this event.
- 2. The first phase of work to the Blackmount Rail Trail** in North Haverhill started this week. The contractor is Ed Paige Excavation. Phase 1 includes refurbishing the trail from Clark Pond Road to Mace Hill Road.

3. **Cornhole** has restarted at the Clifford Memorial Building and will continue Fridays at 6:00 PM. Advertisement for this and other programs has been updated on WYKR Radio and on the Town's website.
4. The **Wolverines Soccer Program** is completed with 126 players participating this year. Teams also participated in the 2022 Haverhill Cooperative Middle School SoccerFest. Our many programs would not be possible without the tireless efforts of our soccer coaches and volunteers. The community appreciates all of them, as well as the WHS girls' and boys' soccer teams for the hours spent mentoring and encouraging young soccer players.
5. **Antique Stroller Walking** program and the **Senior Stretch** program continues Monday through Thursday at Clifford Memorial Building. Sargent will continue using her earned time on Fridays for the month of November and December unless a special event is planned.
6. **Pickleball** has continued Tuesday and Thursday evenings 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM and on Saturday mornings from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM.
7. **Drums Alive** at the Horse Meadow Senior Center continues. Sargent has been offering Drums Alive class combined with Line Dancing at the Horse Meadow Senior Center on Mondays and Wednesdays.
8. **Acoustic Music Jams** continue twice a month with Jim and Ruth Strout, who have led the program the past 9 years. Our program would not exist if not for our volunteers! Our next Jam is Sunday, November 6 and Sunday, November 20 from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM.
9. **Line Dancing** continues Wednesday evenings at 6:00 PM. Christy Tousha is doing a great job with the Wednesday evening class. Tousha has enthusiasm and experience, and classes with her are a hit!

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Teen Night** will be held on Friday, November 18, from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM at the school.
2. **Railroad Park Community Resilience Project** work weekend was held on November 5 and 6. The event was attended by the **Haverhill Parks & Recreation Department**, the **Conservation Commission**, **Haverhill Area Substance and Misuse Prevention Coalition**, the **Resilience Project**, as well as **Haverhill's Beautification Committee**. Materials have been purchased for several projects that are either beginning now or that will take place in the spring.

