



**Haverhill Parks & Recreation Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
Friday, March 8, 2024, at 6:00 PM  
Clifford Memorial Building  
65 S. Court Street  
Woodsville, NH 03785**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Vice Chair Pierce called the meeting to order at 5:03 PM.

- Sargent noted that tonight's Friday, March 8, meeting is a rescheduled meeting from the regular Wednesday, March 6, meeting, which was canceled because of no quorum.

**Members in Attendance:** Sandi Pierce, Joe Longacre, Sherri Sargent, and Dawn Burluson. Jennifer West is excused. A quorum was met.

**Visitors:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION #1:** Burluson made the motion, seconded by Vice Chair Pierce, to accept the Minutes as amended.

- Burluson suggested corrections to grammatical errors on pages 1, #1, bullet 1 and 2; page 2, #6, #9, #11, #12, and #15; page 3, #6, bullet 3; and page 4, bullet 5.

**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. **Winterfest** was held in partnership with the Mountain Lakes Recreation Commission on February 18th at Mountain Lakes Lodge. There was one of the best turnouts in years as Massachusetts was on school vacation. Laura Sjolander helped Sargent with the outdoor fun as Diane Rappa has retired from assisting after many years of service. There was an obstacle course race, ice skating, a potato sack race, and a cardboard box race. Inside the lodge, the Mountain Lakes Volunteers offered games, conversation, and food (hot dogs and a cake). Sargent noted that Bob Long did a great job this year with the ice-skating rink, which was well used.

2. February 9th was the last **Teen Night** offered at Clifford Memorial Building (CMB) to children grades 6, 7, and 8. DJs Kevin and Kevin offered their services to the children in attendance. When asked, both Kevin and Kevin agreed to donate their DJ services for a monthly Teen Night for the Parks & Recreation Department for the enjoyment of the teens in the area. Many thanks to both Kevin DeFosse and Kevin VanNorden. The next **Teen Night** is Friday, March 8. Chaperones are always needed.
3. Parks & Recreation has offered its first **Safe Sitter Essentials** 5 1/2-hour program. Sargent noted that seven teens registered for the program, which was held at CMB on March 1 with Donna Hart who is a Safe Sitter Trainer and an Early Childhood Education Program Coordinator at White Mountains Community College. Sargent completed her CPR training and shadowed Hart at the Safe Sitter class to work to become certified as a Safe Sitter trainer. Parents are already asking which teens have become certified.
4. **Cornhole** is offered Friday evenings with Eric Thornton and is open to all. Registration is at 6:30 PM with bags flying at 7:00 PM.
5. **Youth Basketball** with Laura Sjolander has ended for the season. This program was held for the first time at CMB and has been going well with lots of work on skills and drills. Due to inclement weather in January, we had to cancel and reschedule.
6. **Paint & Sip** was held at CMB on Monday, March 4, with Katrina Wildenstein.
7. Our January **Craft & Vendor Fair** held at CMB on Saturday, February 24, went well. Sargent covered the fair as Brandi was unavailable. The next **Craft & Vendor Fair** is Saturday, March 23. Additional dates are in May and November. More advertising, such as Clip & Saves, has been done this month to get more people through the door.
8. **Softball Clinics** at the James R. Morrill building (JRM) have continued and are scheduled to wrap up March 13, but may extend if bad weather caused program cancellations.
9. Afternoon **Open Gym** has been popular to the Pickleball crowd. It is offered on Monday, Thursday, and Friday afternoons from 2:00 to 4:00 PM.
10. **Pickleball** continues Tuesday and Thursday evenings 6:00 to 8:00 PM and Saturday mornings from 9:00 to 11:00 AM.
11. Our last **Acoustic Music Jam** was March 3, which had a large crowd in attendance, including 44 spectators and 16 musicians. More advertising has been posted in the newspapers.
12. **Line Dance** class with Christy Tousha continues at CMB on Wednesdays 6:00 to 7:00 PM. With more advertising being done, this program has increased in size!
13. **Senior Stretch** class continues daily from 10:00 to 11:00 AM, Mondays through Fridays. This program is offered both in person and via Zoom.
14. The **Antique Strollers** walk the CMB from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM, Mondays through Fridays.
15. **Drums Alive** continues at Horse Meadow Senior Center on Monday and Wednesday afternoons. Sargent noted that she received interest from the Grafton County Nursing Home to extend the Drums Alive program at their facility.
16. **Adult Volleyball** continues its schedule with Brittany Ingerson on Saturday evenings from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at the Haverhill Cooperative Middle School. This is a coed program, offered by donation, and open to adults only.

## NEW BUSINESS

### Resignation

