



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

CALL TO ORDER: Chair West called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

Members in Attendance: Jennifer West, Sandi Pierce, Sherri Sargent, Mona Sanville, and Kevin Knapp. Dawn Burlison was excused. A quorum was met.

Visitor: Kevin VanNorden

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION #1: Vice Chair Pierce made the motion, seconded by Sanville, to accept the Minutes as written.

Voice Vote: Four in favor, none opposed, one abstained. The motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Director's Report by Sherri Sargent

1. We held a **Teen Night** on March 8, 2024, for grades 6, 7 and 8, with 58 attendees. Thank you to the chaperones, which included Joe Longacre, Christy Tousha, Brandi Dennis, Cheri Wyman, Colleen and Steve Strout, Cindy Fagnant, Dawn Burlison, Lauren Brown, and Brenda Oakes. The DJs, two Kevins, offered their services to the teens in attendance. Our next **Teen Night** is scheduled for Friday, April 12, and a schedule for **Teen Night** for the rest of the year is posted on the CMB bulletin board.
2. Our March **Craft & Vendor Fair** at the Clifford Building (CMB) on Saturday, March 23, was cancelled due to a snowstorm. Our next fair is Saturday, April 27, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.
3. The **Antique Strollers** walk the CMB from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM, Mondays through Fridays.
4. With improving weather, the P&R **Softball Clinics** at Morrill building (JRM) are wrapping up. They may use the JRM gym if there are any spring storms. The Clinics went smoothly this season with Dana Huntington.
5. The **Line Dance** class with Christy Tousha continues at CMB on Wednesdays from 6:00 to 7:00 PM. Sargent noted there is a great following for Line Dancing with 14 attendees at the last session.

6. The **Easter Egg Drop** was held on Saturday, March 30, at the Haverhill Corner North Commons. The Woodsville Fire Department was on hand to drop the eggs from the ladder truck. Sargent thanked VanNorden for his assistance with the Woodsville ladder truck. Sargent noted that in 2025, the Easter Egg Drop will be at Railroad Park. Vice Chair Pierce confirmed that 115 cookies were given out. Chair West asked the members if live music could accompany the event. Discussion continued. Sargent noted that the Haverhill Corner Commons are now under the management of the Haverhill Parks & Recreation Department.

Chair West discussed the Commons fence-painting project planned by the 8th graders. Sargent comments that the paint was not included in this year's budget, but Chair West volunteered to follow up with Maintenance Director McKinnon. Knapp suggested seeking out donations for the purchase of paint.

Sargent questioned the electric availability in the Pavilion on the North Commons and whether the amp load is suitable for concerts.

7. **Pickleball** continues Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:00 to 8:00 PM and Saturday mornings from 9:00 to 11:00 AM. Sargent noted that there are commonly 25 attendees for Pickleball.
8. The **Baseball Clinics** with Brent Cox have concluded for the season. The use of the JRM gym was appreciated by the team. This Clinic is anticipating going outside to continue the program.
9. The last **Acoustic Music Jam** was Sunday, March 3, with a large crowd in attendance, 44 spectators and 16 musicians. Our April Music Jams are scheduled for Sunday, the 7th, and Sunday, the 21st. Sargent noted that after April, the Music Jams will be once monthly.
10. **Senior Stretch** class continues daily at CMB from 10:00 to 11:00 AM, Monday through Friday, and is offered both in person and via Zoom.
11. **Drums Alive** continues at Horse Meadow Senior Center on Mondays and Wednesdays in the afternoon at 1:00.
12. The afternoon **Open Gym** program has continued on Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 2:00 to 4:00 PM. Wednesday was the dedicated Home School day, but Wednesday will soon merge into the regular Open Gym days.
13. The **Adult Volleyball** program continues on Saturday evenings from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at the Haverhill Cooperative Middle School. This is a co-ed program with Jake and Brittany Ingerson as our liaisons, and the program is offered by donation.
14. **Cornhole** has had to be flexible as the building has been used on some Friday nights, but continues primarily Friday evenings with Eric Thornton and is open to all. Registration is at 6:30 PM with bags flying at 7:00 PM.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION: Director Sargent asked if VanNorden wished to speak to the Commission, and he stated the following:

- [Unable to hear VanNorden's discussion]
- Sargent asked why the school is not planning the Spring Fling event, which Vice Chair Pierce noted is like a winter carnival.
- Sargent asked about the dances, and Chair West noted that the last PTA-hosted dance is Friday. Sargent asked how this Spring Fling dance is any different from other dances,

and VanNorden responded that it was a formal dance. Sargent selected a non-conflicting date for the school's Spring Fling dance, which would be Saturday, April 20. Sargent discussed the enormous preparation work and cost for a dance of that sort. Sanville noted that it is a good idea, but the Parks & Recreation Department is coming upon its busiest time. Sargent suggested working with the PTA to plan and staffing the event. Chair West suggested an end-of-summer dance, and Sargent suggested a formal Teen Night. Sargent suggested, with the consensus of the Commissioners, to revisit the formal dance idea.

- Sargent thanked VanNorden for his time and DJ work at the Teen Nights, which are such a hit.

NEW BUSINESS

Resignation

Sargent announced that Mona Sanville's last day is Friday, April 5, and Sargent thanked Sanville for her time with the Department. Sanville has accepted a position in an LNA nursing program at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center. Additionally, Sanville has been appointed and sworn in by the Select Board as a member of the Parks & Recreation Commission.

Sargent stated that the Assistant Director position will be posted in-house and then externally per the Select Board approval of the process.

Cornhole Tournament

- Sargent announced a Cornhole Tournament on Sunday, April 14, and everyone is welcomed.

NH the Beautiful Program

- Sargent announced the NH the Beautiful program in which free trash bags are placed in many areas around Town and offered to residents who wish to clean up the roadsides. The filled trash bags can be delivered to the dumpster at the Haverhill Highway Garage, or, if clustered along the roadways, the bags will be picked up the Highway crew. Keep Haverhill clean!

HARP Vacation Camp Monday, April 22, to Friday, April 26

- This 1-week camp is planned for 20 kids, which has 15 confirmed, with the registration deadline of April 3. The camp roster has not been filled as of this date, so Sargent has **cancelled** the HARP Vacation Camp.

2nd Annual Father & Daughter Dance, Saturday, April 27, from 7:00 to 9:00 PM

- Sargent is soliciting for volunteers to help.
- There will be a photo booth to capture the moments.

May Planning

- Mother & Son Fun Night, Saturday, May 4
- Railroad Park Concert with the Parker Hill Road Band, Saturday, May 18, from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. Volunteers are needed for the concession stand.
- Paddle the Border, Sunday, May 19

