



**Haverhill Parks & Recreation Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, June 14, 2023, at 6:00 PM  
Clifford Memorial Building  
65 Court Street  
Woodsville, NH 03785**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Dawn Burleson, Acting Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:07 PM.

**Members in Attendance:** Sherri Sargent, Director; Dawn Burleson; Joe Longacre, ex officio; Sara Jean Harris. **Quorum was NOT met.**

**Members excused:** Mona Sanville (excused); Sandi Pierce (excused); Jennifer West, Chair (excused).

**Past Events and Activities**

**Director's Report:**

- 1. Sara Jean Harris** has officially joined the Parks & Recreation. So happy to have you!
- 2. Railroad Park Concert** featuring **Parker Hill Band** this past May got moved to the Clifford Memorial Building due to weather. Commission members were on site and served concessions. There was a smaller turnout than expected, though it was a great time still, and the music was good, as always.
- 3. Paddle the Border** happened on May 21 where participants paddled from Woodsville to Bedell Bridge, which is 14 miles. About 85 boats attended the event. What a great day!
- 4. The Car Show** was held on May 27 at the Grafton County Complex. There were only 32 cars in attendance, which is about 20 cars shy of where we were last year. We are unsure why we had a lower number of cars, though we're happy to report the event was still a great success!
- 5. Teen Night** was held on June 3 from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. **DJ Kev2** volunteered his time, of which we are so appreciative. It has been noted to report that there was a small kitchen knife found in one of the toilets in the girls'

bathroom. This was a confusing part of the evening. There was no discussion or chatter among the students about this. All backpacks and bags were left at the door. No crimes were committed, and everyone was safe. Members discussed options on how to prevent this sort of occurrence in the future, such as limiting attendance and/or increasing chaperones. The Commission members discussed having two people work the door, and the importance of having a male presence at teen nights as a chaperone if possible.

**6. The June Railroad Park Concert** was themed **Dancing Through the Decades**. Sherri's original band cancelled. She then called DJ KEV2 who happily came and offered great entertainment. Thanks again, Kevin!

**7. The Craft & Vendor Fairs** have been wildly popular—so much so that we're making them a regular, monthly event. Parks & Recreation offer the space for the event, but otherwise it is a well-oiled machine. Brandi Boucher, the liaison of the event and the vendors do most of the work. The next one will be held on Saturday, June 24. We hope to see you all there!

**8. Volleyball** continues at the John R. Morrill Building with Brittany Ingerson though the days have been changed from Sundays to Thursdays for the summer months. This program is for adults only at this time. Thanks, Brittany!

**9. The Walking Program** has been moved to the John R. Morrill Building for the summer with the same hours going forward, which are from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

**10. Cornhole** will take a break for the summer! We will likely resume in the fall.

**11. Pickleball** continues to be popular. We will continue on Tuesdays and Thursdays for the summer from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM, and Saturday mornings from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM.

**12. Homeschool Open Gym** is taking a break for the summer, but it will resume in the fall, as the program has been a great success and much appreciated among the homeschool families!

**13. Line Dancing** with Christy Tousha continues on Friday evenings at 6:00 PM at the Clifford Memorial Building.

**14. Senior Stretch Program** will resume in North Haverhill at the end of June. Looking forward to seeing you there!

**15. Preschool Playgroup** has stopped at the Clifford Memorial Building, but will also resume at the end of June. Stay tuned!

**16. Drums Alive** continues at the Horse Meadow Senior Center on Mondays and Wednesdays at 1:00 PM.

**17. Sherri Sargent** is offering to teach seniors a special dance called Jarusalema Dance Challenge (To view this new dance, go to YouTube at: [YouTube.com/watch?v=UfiNmDv4xoM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UfiNmDv4xoM)) This will be an opportunity for seniors to learn this special dance and to participate in online challenges.

**18. Acoustic Music Jams** continue! The next one will be on July 2! Hope to see you all there!

## **Upcoming Events and Activities**

