



**Haverhill Parks & Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 3, 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 6:04 PM.

Members in Attendance: Jennifer West, Dawn Burleson, Sara Jean Harris, Sherri Sargent, Joe Longacre, and Sandi Pierce. A quorum was met.

Visitor: Mona Sanville.

SELECTION OF OFFICERS

Jennifer West was sworn in today for another term on the Parks & Recreation Commission, and will resume her chairmanship.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion #1: Pierce made the motion, seconded by Burleson, to approve the meeting minutes from **July 5, 2023**, as written.

Voice Vote: All in favor, none opposed, none abstained. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Director's Report by Sherri Sargent:

1. **Railroad Park Concert with Bob King** was held on July 22. Commission members Harris and Sargent served hot dogs, popcorn, candy, and cold drinks. Sargent noted that King was entertaining and would like to have him back.
2. The Parks & Recreation sponsored **Craft & Vendor Fair** was held on Saturday, July 22, at the Clifford Memorial Building (CMB) from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM with Brandi Boucher being the liaison for the event. Our next Craft & Vendor Fair is Saturday, August 26 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Sargent noted that the Craft Fairs are going well with vendors approving of the monthly schedule. Sargent noted that she is trying to get more signs and advertising for the Fairs.
3. **Drums Alive and Line Dancing** continue at Horse Meadow Senior Center. The dance Jeruselema has gained in popularity at the Senior Center and is continued to

be practiced by new attendees. Sargent announced that a Jeruselema video from the Senior Center is posted on the Parks & Recreation Facebook page.

4. **Adult Volleyball** has continued with Brittany Ingerson on Thursday evenings. 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the J.R. Morrill (JRM) building.
5. The **Antique Strollers** have continued walking at the JRM building from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Seniors can also walk at other times if the building is available.
6. **Pickleball** continues Tuesday and Thursday evenings 6:00 to 8:00 and Saturday mornings from 9:00 to 11:00. Following the conclusion of HARP summer camp, Pickleball and other programs are expected to increase in September.
7. **Line Dance** class has had steady participation on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 PM. All are welcome. Christi Tousha is the volunteer for this program and has indicated she would like to continue Wednesday nights.

NEW BUSINESS

Chair West introduced Sargent with updates on the current programs.

1. **HARP Summer Camp.** Sargent reported on the large tent that was set up for the campers that allowed more outdoor time, which made campers happier.

Sargent introduced Assistant Director Sanville to give a report on the HARP program. Sanville stated that this week Troy Wonderle from Wonderle's Big Top taught the campers in an all-day session of circus tricks, such as juggling, unicycling, and hula hooping, which was really entertaining. Sanville noted that he does programs for adults, which she would be interested in providing for the community. Chair West thanked the Haverhill Area Substance Misuse Prevention Coalition for assisting with that program.

Sanville stated that the counselors at HARP this year were impressive, and she appreciated their willingness to help.

Sargent said the Montshire Museum trip is coming up, and they attended the No. Haverhill Fair, which went very well.

2. **4th Annual HARP talent Show.**

Chair West announced the Annual Talent Show scheduled for Thursday, August 3 at 2:00 PM. Sanville noted that the contestants who will be showcasing their talents will be asking for feedback from the judges. Sanville noted that families were invited, and the space was packed.

3. **Senior Bus Trip on Thursday, August 3.**

Sargent said that 15 seniors from Haverhill will be taking the minibus to Littleton to have lunch at the 99 Restaurant, then go to Whitefield to attend a 2:00 matinee of the *Honkey-Tonk Laundry* at the Weathervane Theater.

