



**Haverhill Parks & Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 6, 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 6:05 PM.

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

Visitor: Mona Sanville.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION #1: Burleson made the motion, seconded by Pierce, to approve the meeting minutes from **August 3, 2023**, as written.

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. Evening on the Lake** with Mountain Lakes Recreation department was held the evening of August 11. The event was well attended with many residents from Haverhill and Mountain Lakes enjoying the lakes, campfire, and good company. Sargent estimated that there were 15 people attending.
- 2. Challenger Youth Soccer** 5-day program was held in August, which saw many days of rain. The group did have to go inside the gym at James R. Morrill (JRM) gymnasium, which was not ideal. There were no complaints or concerns from parents or the staff of Challenger. We will have them back next year but with the understanding that, if it rains, they will have a tent provided for them, so as to not use the building.
- 3. Railroad Park Concert** with the Connption Fits was held Friday, August 19, and had a tremendous turnout of over 100 people. Sanville, Burleson, and

Sargent sold concessions. It was noted that the addition of outdoor lighting on the bandstand would be a good addition as it was very dark when the band was breaking down and patrons were leaving at 9:00 PM. Pierce noted that LED lighting is inexpensive, and Sargent stated that the lights can be portable and used for other outdoor functions.

4. **Haverhill Parks & Recreation** sponsored the monthly **Craft & Vendor Fair** on Saturday, August 26, at the Clifford Memorial Building (CMB) from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM with Brandi Boucher as the liaison for the event, which had good turnout. The next Craft Fair is Saturday, September 23. Sargent noted that more signs, such as sandwich boards on the Rail Trail, will be in place advertising the Craft Fair.
5. Programs, such as **Drums Alive** and **Line Dancing**, continue at Horse Meadow Senior Center. Sanville has been working with Sargent at the Senior Center.
6. The **Acoustic Music Jam** was held on August 6, and the next event will be held on September 10.
7. **Adult Volleyball** has continued with Brittany Ingerson on Thursday evenings 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the JRM building. Sargent will speak with the Town Manager about possibly moving Volleyball from JRM to the CMB because of issues with the JRM gymnasium floor.
8. The **Antique Strollers** have moved back to CMB for fall walking. Walking is open to everyone and now has increased hours from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM. Sargent showed the members an advertisement that will be published in the paper about the Walking Program.
9. **Pickleball** continues Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:00 to 8:00 PM and Saturday mornings from 9:00 to 11:00. **Daytime Pickleball** play and practice starts Monday, September 11, and will be on Mondays and Fridays from 3:00 to 4:00 PM. Sanville and Sargent will be available for those who wish to learn the game. This time slot is also open for card games, backgammon, puzzles, and people!
10. **Line Dance Class with Christi Tousha**. Christi, the volunteer for this program, indicated she would like to continue Wednesday nights from 6-7 with Sargent filling in when she is not available.
11. **Cornhole** will be starting Friday, September 8. Check-in is at 6:30 PM with bags flying at 7:00. Many thanks to Eric Thornton for offering his skill and talent as liaison for this program.
12. **Afternoon Cardio** is a new program being offered with Sanville and Sargent officiating on Tuesday and Thursdays from 1:00 to 1:45 PM at CMB. This program is open to adults and may include Drums Alive, Line Dancing, and cardio-type movements.
13. We are offering a new pilot program: **Martial Arts—Inspired Workout Class** on Mondays 6:00 to 7:00 PM starting September 25. Movement and patterns, punches and kicks, cardio, and a bit of self-defense for older teens and adults in the community. The first class is complimentary. The class will run 6 weeks every Monday through November 6, and the cost is \$15 per class or \$75 for

6 weeks, and the instructor will be Craig Davis. Sargent noted that registration for this program is in person and not available online.

Sargent stated that it is time to have all programs register online, and this registration application will be in this year's budget.

14. On Mondays and Wednesdays, the **Haverhill Parks & Recreation Teen Hub** at CMB is open for teens to stop by to say, "Hello," play some games, listen to music, do homework, or just visit with friends. Sargent and Sanville will welcome all high school students from 3:00 to 5:00 PM. If this pilot program is well attended, we may expand the days. Sanville talked to Joe Mitchell at the high school who liked the idea, and Mariah Coulstring Director of the Haverhill Area Substance Misuse Prevention Coalition, may help out.

NEW BUSINESS

Chair West introduced Sargent with updates on the current programs. Sargent announced a new flyer to be distributed that lists all the upcoming programs.

Sargent talked about the **Home School Open Gym** that is scheduled for Wednesdays from 2:30 to 4:00 PM.

Chair West discussed the **After School Enrichment Program**, which is scheduled for Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:00 to 5:00 PM. Sargent stated that they will have Drums Alive on Tuesdays and arts and crafts on Thursdays.

1. **Wolverine Soccer** is starting Saturday, September 9, and registration forms have been sent to the schools. Sargent announced that registration is Friday, September 8, from 4:30 to 5:30 PM at the VFW Field. The registration fee is \$10 and an extra \$15 for a T-shirt, and David Robinson is in charge of volunteers who have passed their background checks.
2. **Railroad Park Concert.** Sargent announced the Parker Hill Road Band will be playing on Saturday from 5:00 to 7:00 PM, and on Sunday, September 24, from 2:00 to 4:00 PM The Rough & Tumble will be performing with friends from a Canadian band called 2 Crows for Comfort. Sargent asked for volunteers to help with refreshments. Chair West volunteered for the 24th, and Burleson volunteered for the 9th.
3. **Paddle the Border Fall** is scheduled for October 1 from Newbury Crossing to Bugbee Landing in Bradford. Sargent announced the Strawberry Hill Farm band will be playing, and a shuttle bus will be available driven by Denise Butson who drives for Butler Bus who is not charging us for use of the bus. Parks & Recreation offers a donation to the driver. Volunteers are needed mainly for the take-out at the site behind the golf course in Bradford. Mike Thomas is the contact for volunteers.

