

Minutes of Haverhill Recreation Committee
Wednesday November 6th, 2019
6:00 PM

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Committee Members Present: Lynn Wheeler, Jennifer West, Sherri Sargent, Barbara Dutile, Sandi Pierce and Tom Friel.

Town Manager: Bridgette Codling

Excused Members: Mona Sanville and Paula Cilbrith

Members of the Public Present: None in attendance.

Call Meeting to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Sherri Sargent.

Consent Agenda: Lynn Wheeler made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Sandi Pierce seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Director's Report: Sherri shared that the Quarter Auction on 10/5/10 was wildly successful and she thanked Sandi Pierce for her hard work. Paddle the Border was held on 10/6/19 and it had people from all over in attendance. It was stated that Mike Thomas worked very hard at the event. The VFW Playground was completed on 10/25/19 with the help from volunteers under the supervision of Petinelli & Associates and they did a fantastic job, per Sherri. Primex will be inspecting the playground on behalf of the Town on 11/7/19 at 9:00 A.M. A \$100 anonymous donation was received by a resident to go towards the VFW Playground. Haunted Happenings was well received by the kids who attended. There was discussion on who would bring what to the Turkey Plunge, for the hot turkey sandwiches. Pickleball is still active and is being played weekly. There is a Music Jam scheduled for 11/10/19 at 12:00.

Public Discussion: TM Codling explained that she has been working on clearly identifying roles and responsibilities of Commissions and Department Heads. There was discussion on how to lessen the amount of fundraising the Commission needs to do, by being more selective. TM Codling explained in the future, this may turn into Parks and Recreation, as Sherri already covers Railroad Park and the Town is having trouble finding coverage for the Heritage Commission. Tom mentioned the new playground is getting a lot of use. TM Codling stated the stones have been set at the Veterans Memorial and it looks great. There is also talk about moving the Caboose under Sherri's umbrella, as the Heritage Commission is not currently active. It was suggested to move the Caboose to the Railroad Park, paint it and use it as a welcome display. Recreation Commission members thought this sounded like a great idea and a step forward in the right direction. TM Codling explained it's a goal to delegate a back-up/assistant for Sherri.

New Business: Youth Basketball will be coached by volunteer Laura Sjolander and it will start at the first of the year. Laura expressed interest in having a mid-week practice after school and Sherri will see if the gym at the Elementary School is available. Sherri stated ice rink will be set

up again this year but would like ideas for other Winter programming. Hosting a Paint & Sip was suggested. Senior Stretch, Drums Alive and Pre-School Playgroup are also scheduled. Sherri will be holding a Line-Dancing class during the days as well. A Girls Night and a Movie Night were both suggested. Sherri stated a blow-up screen was donated to the Commission by Steve Robbins. Members suggested the new Grinch movie or the new Toy Story movie for Movie Night. Hosting a Dog Obedience class was also suggested. It was suggested that Movie Night take place after Christmas, during Christmas Vacation. Sandi suggested having a canned food drive at the event as well. Holding an Open-Gym event is contingent on volunteers, as Sherri does not want it to turn into a “babysitting” event. Sherri would like to hire yoga instructors, archery instructors and/or fly-tying instructors for events in 2020. TM Codling stated that Fish and Game Officers can host events as well. A Basket Weaving class was suggested as well. The cover is not on the pool yet, but other parts of the pool have been winterized. TM Codling stated the Highway Department is available to help with the pool cover if needed. Lynn Wheeler thanked the Commission members for their hard work with the VFW Playground. Jennifer will hang flyers for the Turkey Plunge at the school.

Meeting Adjourn: Lynn made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sandi seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The next meeting is scheduled for 12/4/19.