

1 SANDOWN RECREATION COMMISSION
2 MEETING OF 06-20-2018
3 MINUTES
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APPROVED 08-01-2018

5 The meeting was called to order by Chairman George Blaisdell at 6:35 PM. Members present included
6 Jessica Scarlett and Darren Hudgins, ex officio. Also present was Parks & Recreation Director Deb Brown
7 Absent were John Donahue and Veronica Utman. Several members of the Sandown Old Home Day
8 Committee were also in attendance.
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10 A motion was made by Mr. Blaisdell to accept the minutes of June 06, 2018. Second by Jessica Scarlett.
11 Mr. Blaisdell inquired as to whether there was any discussion. There was no discussion by members. Mrs.
12 Brown pointed out some minor spelling errors which will be corrected. One is the spelling of Mr. Blaisdell's
13 name and the other is on line 25 to change the word "for" to "if". The minutes were then unanimously
14 approved.
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16 Mr. Blaisdell invited the Old Home Day Committee (OHDC) to open the discussion. Member Paula Gulla
17 explained that the OHDC wanted to touch base with the Recreation Commission regarding this year's OHD
18 Celebration. She noted it will be held on Friday evening, September 7th from approximately 7 PM to 11
19 PM and on Saturday from 9 AM to 4 PM. On Friday there will be the live musical entertainment; a
20 Chili/Chowder Contest; and a Beer and Wine Tent will again be offered by the Historical Society. There
21 will be a police detail present during this time. The event is for those age 21 and older. Mrs. Gulla noted
22 that the OHDC will be using a different vendor for the inflatables this year. She is also hoping there might
23 be a "Touch-a-Truck" event and this is being investigated at this time. It would most likely be hosted at
24 the Police Station parking lot.
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26 Electrician Tom Tomberello will be making up another electric panel for the day's event. As the
27 celebration has grown, so has the need for electrical service for many of the vendors. This should help
28 solve this problem. Mrs. Brown mentioned that she would like to see the additional panel removed from
29 the building at the end of OHD. Mr. Bob Brouder suggested that the 'barn' on Fremont Road would be a
30 good place to store it. Mrs. Brown will most likely meet up with members of the OHDC prior to the events
31 so that the irrigation system can be flagged to avoid anyone putting any type of stake through a line.
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33 St. Matthews United Methodist Church will again be hosting a free Pancake Breakfast in the recreation
34 building on Saturday morning with time to be determined. Mr. Brouder and Mr. Anthony LoConte spoke
35 regarding the Beer Tent and to reassure the Commission that all rules and regulations, both state and
36 local, will be strictly adhered to as they have been in the past. Mr. Brouder said that the Historical Society
37 will again offer rides on the small train from the police station to the rec building. Mrs. Gulla noted that
38 Maureen Devine and her son will be offering wagon rides as well.
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40 Mrs. Gulla inquired as to whether it would be permissible to allow a police cruiser to be parked on the
41 field so as not to have to incur the cost of two private details on that day. The Commission was amenable
42 to that. Mr. Brouder and Mr. LoConte asked the Commission if it would allow a small train, weighing
43 approximately 500 lbs., onto the field with an approximate 30-40-foot diameter track. Members were
44 not opposed. Mrs. Brown noted that it would not be feasible if it were raining or had been raining causing
45 the field to be boggy as the field would be damaged. She noted the mowing contractor won't put his
46 mower on the field when it's wet to avoid damaging it. Everyone present agreed that the train would not
47 be allowed if the field was wet or boggy.
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49 The OHDC thank the Commission and left the meeting.

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54 Mrs. Brown noted she has had many last-minute sign-ups for the summer program. Training with staff
55 will take place in Atkinson tomorrow from 3-5 PM. Following that the staff will return to the recreation
56 building for orientation for new staff and additional training. Set-up and transport of equipment, picnic
57 tables and canopies will take place after that while staff needing to recertify in CPR and First Aid take part
58 in that training. She hopes to have everyone out by 9 PM. This year has been challenging for set-up and
59 training due to the late end-of-school date which has affected staff availability.

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61 Members noted the front of the building looks much improved after some long-awaited landscaping had
62 been done the morning of today's meeting. Mrs. Brown noted the shrubs need to be kept watered and
63 she has asked the maintenance person to set up some soaker hoses to enable that to happen. She
64 discovered a leak in a basement pipe that feeds one of the outdoor spigots. Mr. Blaisdell will look at it
65 following tonight's meeting.

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67 Mrs. Brown reported to members that McKinney Well was able to inspect the well house at Miller Field
68 for issues that are going on with the irrigation system. The system is not able to be turned on due to these
69 issues and the lack of water is starting to take a toll on the grass. One of the 3 pressure tanks will need to
70 be replaced. Of bigger issue is the well itself. It was reported by McKinney that the well is not 'pushing'
71 water at this time. Mrs. Brown noted that the well is 350 ft deep and normally pushes 60 gallons of water
72 per minute. The well is powered by a 7.5 hp pump and is encased in a 7" diameter pipe vs. the more
73 standard 6" residential diameter. A hissing noise was heard in the well itself and McKinney Well has
74 suggested there may be a leak in the galvanized pipe. McKinney will get back out there again now that it
75 knows the depth of the well. Mrs. Brown noted the Commission may need to meet prior to it's next
76 meeting to make any decisions regarding repairs/replacement etc. She noted the well is close to 20 years
77 old as is the equipment for the irrigation system.

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79 The next meeting date is to be determined. There will be no meeting on Wednesday, July 4th.

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85 Substituting for Recording Secretary

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