

1 Sandown Recreation Commission

2 Minutes

3 Meeting of: 10-13-21

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6 Called to order at 6:40 by Chairman George Blaisdell. Members present: George Blaisdell; Heidi
7 Dyer; Darren Hudgins, ex officio. Absent: John Donahue. Also present: Deb Brown, Rec.
8 Director.

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10 Motion Darren Hudgins: To accept the minutes of 9/15/21. Second Heidi Dyer. Discussion:
11 None. VOTE: Unanimous.

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13 Motion: Darren Hudgins to accept the minutes of 10/4/21. Second Heidi Dyer. Discussion: None.
14 VOTE: Unanimous

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16 There were several applications for the recording secretary position. Members reviewed
17 approximately 8 applications. Darren Hudgins would like for the applicants to understand the
18 hours, that although there may not be a lot of hours required, it is a real commitment and he would
19 like to see whoever it ends up being attending the meetings in person. There may be sometimes
20 that they would transcribe strictly from the recording but in-person attendance should be the norm.
21 Mrs. Brown felt there were some applicants that had no clerical or secretarial skills noted on the
22 resumes submitted. Mrs. Dyer wondered if everyone who had applied needed to be interview.
23 Mrs. Brown felt they did not if they had nothing on their resume to indicate any type of clerical
24 skills. Mrs. Dyer said she felt a phone call to the applicants to ask if they understood the nature of
25 the job and that it was not many hours.

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27 A discussion was begun regarding the cost of the survey being proposed for Miller Field. Mrs.
28 Brown said that another survey company had contacted her and was willing to do pricing for the
29 lot line on the (northerly) side of the property. Member's present would like to 'lock in' someone
30 who can do it before winter as well as for \$2,500 or less. If there were to be a difference of a
31 couple of hundred dollars members instructed Mrs. Brown to approve that. She said she would
32 contact members first to be sure they were okay with pricing when received.

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34 A discussion was begun regarding minutes and getting caught up. Members stressed that the
35 minutes needed to take priority over any other rec activities. Mrs. Brown agreed and felt that would
36 improve going forward and would greatly improve once a recording secretary is hired.

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38 Lynne Blaisdell, Town Administrator joined the meeting at 7:15 PM.

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40 A discussion was begun regarding the use of the calendar on the web page. Mrs. Blaisdell was
41 asked about using the calendar. She said that her office had gotten rid of it and she did not use it.
42 Mr. Hudgins asked if the postings would populate themselves when added to the calendar A
43 discussion was begun on how to "link" the 2 areas together and Lynne Blaisdell said that was
44 something she could find out from the web designer, if a feature could be added that would link
45 them automatically.

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Mrs. Dyer mentioned she would not be able to run the "Pop Up Yoga" she was going to do on November 15th. She had some questions regarding the "Paint Your Pet" activity scheduled for November.

Mrs. Brown reported that the response for the Senior Dinner is growing. The deadline was today. She realizes that there will be late responders. She inquired as to whether the town is still using Lamprey River services. It used to offer a bus to take seniors on up to 50 miles 'jaunts' that had to stay within New Hampshire. This was done at a nominal fee to participants. It will be investigated. She also reported on several upcoming activities including a senior coffee on Wednesday, October 27; "Halloween Egg Haunt" on Friday, Oct. 29th (rain date Saturday, October 30th.) Free Instant Pot class on Friday, November 5; Free Reiki Demo on Monday, November 8 and a "Paint Your Pet" activity on Nov. 19th. (You paint a picture of your pet; you do not put paint on your pet). She is also working with someone on trying to set up some craft classes such as centerpieces for the upcoming holiday season.

Members discussed the web site and that it appears differently on a phone than it does on the computer and can be confusing. George Blaisdell wants to see all activities and events on the FB page as well. Lynne Blaisdell commented that the mobile version of the town website is different than the on-line version.

Mrs. Brown reported that there is a group wanting to use the recreation building for cheerleading for a few practices over the next month. The organization would not meet the policy requirement of 65 percent Sandown residents to qualify to use the facility at no cost. The group is a non-profit however the price for non-profits outside of Sandown is the same as if a resident is to rent. Members entertained letting the group use the facility for \$50 per session but only for the upcoming sessions (approximately 3-4) however going forward from there they would need to pay the regular rate. The group will be informed of that offer.

It was noted that a very nice donation was received from Bob Nickerson and others to be used to help purchase gifts for Sandown Seniors In Need program during the upcoming holiday season. Needs are gathered by Rockingham Meals on Wheels.

Mrs. Brown asked if the town was still participating with Lamprey Health.

A discussion was begun regarding the upcoming Halloween "Flashlight Egg Haunt" and the need for volunteers to help set up the solar lights and distribute the eggs. Lynne Blaisdell offered to have the custodian and maintenance person help on Friday morning. This would help tremendously. A representative from AARP will be meeting with Deb tomorrow morning to talk about setting up a Driver Safety Class. She is also speaking with the artist who will do the "Paint Your Pet" event about doing a family event in December. She also reported that when the town went to the new licensing system for the computers, she lost all her distribution lists. RMON was

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not able to pull them off from the old program so they are unfortunately gone. She will try to recreate what she can but this won't help folks who have recently asked her to distribute information. Deb Brown left the meeting at this time.

Motion was made by: Darren Hudgins to accept the non-public minutes of September 15, 2021. Seconded by: Heidi Dyer. Discussion: None. Vote: Unanimous.

Motion Darren Hudgins to go into non-public 91-A:3 paragraph II (a) employee matters. Second: George Blaisdell. Roll call: Heidi Dyer, yes. Darren Hudgins, yes. George Blaisdell, yes. Also participating is Lynne Blaisdell, Town Administrator.

The following information was provided by Lynne Blaisdell, Town Administrator:

Motion to come out of non-public was made by George Blaisdell. Seconded by Darren Hudgins. Vote: Unanimous.

Motion to seal the non-public minutes: Darren Hudgins, ex officio. Second: George Blaisdell, Chairman. Vote: Unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Submitted by:

Deb Brown, Recreation Director
Serving as substitute recording secretary