

**Sandown Recreation Commission  
September 19, 2018**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman George Blaisdell at 6:40 p.m. Members present were: John Donahue, George Blaisdell, Jessica Scarlett, Veronica Utman, and Darren Hudgins, ex-officio. Also present was Deb Brown, Parks and Recreation Director.

The minutes of August 22, 2018, were distributed for later review.

Ms. Brown brought up the need for electrical work at the rec. building, including:

- 1) Additional outlets in the basement. There is currently only one which is shared by the sump pump and irrigation.
- 2) The ballasts are in need of replacement (6 are out; 1 has been replaced).
- 3) There is a need for a door bell.
- 4) The floodlight is broken. We have been advised that it would be less expensive to replace rather than repair it.

She asked Todd MacDonald for a quote on the above. The original quote was \$1500. After review of the items, it was decided to postpone some until next year in order to remain within the budget line.

Ms. Brown reported on maintenance needed at Miller Field:

- 1) The gate has been badly dented. Sturdy Fence has provided a quote of \$950 for materials and labor to install a better-grade fence.
- 2) The basketball court is overgrown with bushes.
- 3) A Field is also overgrown.

Mr. Blaisdell would like to look into this further.

Ms. Brown noted that a \$1000 recreation donation was made for a new home on Phillips Pond Road – for treatment of the pond. The treatment account has been closed out, but there are \$200 application fees for grants to help keep the Milfoil eradicated. The Commission agreed to pay the permit fees up to the amount previously approved by the Commission.

48 Ms. Brown reported that the Town-Wide Yard Sale has been postponed due to lack of  
49 registrants. It will be rescheduled in the Spring.  
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51 Ms. Brown noted that this is the “discount” time of year she usually buys supplies (particularly  
52 for the summer program). There currently is no budget line for replacement of equipment  
53 (removed from the 2018 budget). After talking with the summer coordinators, the major items  
54 needed are canopies. The storms this year were very destructive. She recommended  
55 purchasing one now (\$785 plus shipping) with the balance of the summer program supply line;  
56 and hope to purchase another next year. She also suggested we try to reinstate the equipment  
57 replacement line in the budget for 2019.  
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59 Ms. Brown has been able to reserve space at Sandown North School for programs, including  
60 Phys. Ed and Lego Engineering.  
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62 John Donahue noted that he is coaching a “Fall Ball” Babe Ruth baseball team. The team has 11  
63 Sandown players.  
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65 Ms. Brown noted the memo received from the Budget Committee, recommending four  
66 categories:

- 67 **Required to operate**
- 68 **Enhances the program**
- 69 **Wish list**
- 70 **Maintenance**

71 The recreation budget should be submitted to the Finance Committee by November 19, to the  
72 Selectmen on Monday, November 26, and to the Budget Committee on December 5.  
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74 Ms. Brown reported that the yoga demonstration last week was well received; and the  
75 Ballroom Dance Classes, which started last Sunday, is full. Bills were presented for approval for  
76 the yoga class (up to \$1000), and ballroom dancing (up to \$2100). As usual, fees charged for  
77 the programs will cover these expenses.  
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79 Also, in preparation for the Rockingham Meals-on-Wheels request for Christmas baskets for  
80 less fortunate Sandown seniors, Ms. Brown requested up to \$350 for this year’s donation (\$50  
81 per person).  
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83 The main floor of the recreation building is being slowly stripped of wax by Town employees.  
84 The suggestion was made that it might save money and employee hours to have all the town  
85 floors done by a professional. This will be discussed with Lynn Blaisdell.  
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87 Ms. Brown is exploring a possible pre-school Halloween event.

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92 The New Hampshire Department of Safety offers a Boater Safety Course, and Snowmobile  
93 Safety Course. The Sandown Police Department held the last safety course at \$30.00 per  
94 person. It typically is a one-day 9:00 to 4:30 course. Ms. Brown will look into this.

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96 Ms. Brown attended the State Recreation Conference last week.

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98 Ms. Brown noted that the excessive recent rain has damaged the recreation playground areas  
99 (ditches, washouts, etc.). Also, the beach had severe erosion this year; the Highway  
100 Department corrected the 2 ft. ditches, but noted that the water is not going from the road into  
101 the culvert, but bypassing it.

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103 Ms. Brown noted that she is now also a member of the Town's Joint Loss Management  
104 Committee. It is made up of three supervisors and three employees, and meet four times a  
105 year.

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107 The minutes of August 22, 2018, were reviewed.  
108 A motion to accept as written was made by George Blaisdell.  
109 Jessica Scarlett seconded the motion.  
110 There was no discussion.  
111 The motion passed, with four in favor, and John Donahue abstaining.

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113 A motion to go into Non Public, RSA 91-A:3, II(a) Employee Review, was made by George  
114 Blaisdell.  
115 The motion was seconded by John Donahue.  
116 Roll Call Vote: John Donahue, yes; Jessica Scarlett, yes; Darren Hudgins, yes; George Blaisdell,  
117 yes; Veronica Utman, yes.

118 The Commission entered Non-Public at 7:55 p.m. with Lynn Blaisdell in attendance.  
119 After voting to seal the minutes, the Commission came out of Non-Public at 8:50 p.m.  
120 Ms. Blaisdell will summarize the employee review.

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122 The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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124 Respectfully submitted,

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128 Veronica Utman  
129 Recording Secretary