

SANDOWN RECREATION COMMISSION

Town of Sandown, NH

Meeting Date: February 2, 2022

Meeting Location: Recreation Building

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Members Present: George Blaisdell, Chairman; Heidi Dyer; Chris Longchamps; Darren Hudgens, ex officio; John Donahue

Also Present: Lynne Blaisdell, Town Administrator

Meeting was called to order by Chairman George Blaisdell at 6:35pm.

Donahue made a motion to enter Non-Public.

Motion By: Donahue

Seconded By: Chairman Blaisdell

In Favor: All

Members enter Non-Public portion of meeting.

Donahue made a motion to accept minutes as written from January 11, 2022.

Motion By: Donahue

Seconded By: Dyer

In Favor: Donahue, Dyer, Blaisdell, Longchamps

Abstain: Hudgins

Discussion of new business begins.

Recreation PO Box

Chairman Blaisdell asked about use and cost of Recreation PO box. Lynne said that they will be able to get a refund for it.

Recreation Director Recruitment

They have currently received one applicant for the open Recreation Director position. They have also received another email inquiry regarding the position. Lynne reminded members that there is no deadline on the ad, and that the ad can also go on Indeed.com for an additional cost. Dyer also suggested posting the ad at UNH. Lynne said she will reach out to the NH unemployment office, as well. Lynne said that in the interim of finding a new Recreation Director that Dyer is doing a great job filling in and that events are continuing to take place and be booked.

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Skating Event

Chairman Blaisdell said that regarding a possible ice-skating event on Phillips Pond, that unfortunately the only access to Seely Beach is covered in ice. Parking was also discussed as a concern. Chairman Blaisdell suggested parking at the library, while Lynne was concerned there would not be enough parking spaces. Members also suggested parking at the school or town hall.

Hudgins suggested using an ice-skating rink, which Chairman Blaisdell said he would price out. Blaisdell said he was concerned about it damaging the lawn, but that maybe it could be placed on the parking lot. Members discussed the options of filling the skating rink, such as using chlorinated water from a water company versus using a firetruck.

Movie Night/Parent's Night

Chairman Blaisdell questioned the issue of licensing for playing movies at the Recreation Building. Lynne suggested contacting the library to see what they do for licensing. Blaisdell suggested doing a shared event with the library to use their license. Lynne said there is always a possibility of the Recreation department purchasing their own copyright license to show movies frequently. Chairman Blaisdell suggested hosting a movie event the first week of March.

Chairman Blaisdell also expressed his desire to purchase items such as a commercial popcorn machine and a hot dog steamer. Members supported the idea, and Blaisdell said he would have pricing to be discussed for next meeting.

Wood Craft Paint Night

Lynne said that her niece hosts paint events where attendees paint wooden signs, and asked members if they had any interest in hosting an event at the Recreation building. Lynne said her niece does all the planning and brings all supplies. Members liked the idea and Lynne said she will reach out to her niece regarding it.

Discussion of business from previous meetings begins.

Football Fundraiser

Donahue suggested that they should reconsider doing the football squares because so many football squares are being done in the area currently. Members agreed, but also discussed advertising fundraisers by standing at the entrance of the dump. Lynne discouraged this idea because of stopping traffic, but suggested using the train depot instead, as long as they ask permission since its state/town property and not to conflict with possible historical society events. They will also have to inform police department if they do this.

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Recreation Building Camera

Dyer said she forwarded members an email from Richard Lewis regarding camera for Recreation building. Lynne read email to members, stating that Lewis does not currently have a date scheduled for installation, and will get back to us. Lewis also said that the camera could not be easily redirected, as was discussed/requested previously, however he offered provide portable camera if needed and could arrange training to operate it.

Weebly Online Registration

Donavon showed members Weebly website creator on his computer. Members plan to use Weebly to create a website to receive online registration and payment for Recreation events and programs. Donavon said it would take him roughly half hour to create online payment page. Donavon said Recreation Department will need a new website to use for Weebly and he thought the price was between \$350-\$450. Lynne recommended checking with IT person regarding safety of website. Members also discussed still allowing in-person and/or phone registration for events, and inputting their registration form into registration website after.

Chairman Blaisdell made a motion to adjourn meeting.

Motion By: Blaisdell

Seconded By: Hudgins

In Favor: All

Meeting was adjourned at 9:20pm.

Submitted By:

Jessica Manning
Recording Secretary