

# SANDOWN RECREATION COMMISSION

## Town of Sandown, NH

**Meeting Date:** 2/16/2022

**Meeting Location:** Rec Building

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

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

Discussion of changing previous minutes from "Donavon" to "Donahue" on line 113.

Hudgins made a motion to accept minutes as amended from 2/2/2022.

**Motion By:** Hudgins

**Seconded By:** Dyer

**In Favor:** All

*Discussion of new business begins.*

### **Miller Field Sign**

Members discussed Miller Field Sign damage from recent car accident. Chairman Blaisdell said he assessed damage of sign and made minor repairs temporarily until it can be properly fixed.

Members agreed to have sign fixed and remain in the same spot. Chairman Blaisdell said they are currently waiting on police report.

### **Babysitter Course**

Dyer suggested hosting a babysitter training event over April vacation. She reached out to UNH about Babysitter Certification Course and is waiting to hear back about a potential instructor. Dyer said she would also reach out to the Red Cross for an instructor, as well.

*Discussion of business from previous meetings begins.*

### **Recreation Director Position**

Chairman Blaisdell said they received 4 resumes so far. Members read through resumes, gave feedback, and decided on potential interviews. Dyer suggested having a list of interview questions. Donahue suggested reaching out to potential interviewees to make sure they are still interested. Members are hoping to get interviews scheduled for next week.

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### **Fitness Classes**

Dyer will be hosting an 8-week fitness class program on Saturday mornings, with a choice of 2 half-hour time slots. The cost will be \$50. Dyer's fee to the town will be based upon insurance coverage, as told by previous recreation director, but Dyer wasn't sure what the percentage for that was at this time. Members also discussed future fitness programs such as an exercise boot camp, obstacle courses, and themed races.

### **Movie Night**

Members agreed to purchase a commercial popcorn machine and cart and a hotdog steamer.

Chairman Blaisdell made a motion to purchase popcorn and hotdog machines, including cart, for up to \$1000.

**Motion By:** Chairman Blaisdell

**Seconded By:** Hudgins

**In Favor:** All

### **Movie Night Licensing**

Chairman Blaisdell said he was in favor of purchasing the one-time license for a town movie night. Members also discussed working with library to do movie night at town hall and using library's license. Chairman Blaisdell suggested hosting event at town hall in mid-March. Hudgins suggested hosting another over April vacation. Members discussed movie choices, child attendee age recommendations, potential for food being served, and event staffing.

### **Woodcraft Paint Night**

Chairman Blaisdell said the date is to be determined, and said host will get back to us about cost.

### **Summer Rec Program**

Chairman Blaisdell said Lynne reached out to all 18 counselors from last year, and has heard back from 5 so far. Lynne said 3 are returning, 2 are not. Lynne also said she has not heard back from Mike or Casey yet regarding the summer program. Members discussed potential wages and compared to surrounding towns.

Hudgins made motion to increase Summer Program Director pay to \$20 per hour, and increase counselor pay to \$11 per hour.

**Motion By:** Hudgins

**Seconded By:** Donahue

**In Favor:** All

After further discussion with members regarding a flat rate raise in pay among all counselors to be decided at a later date, Hudgins chose to re-motion to increase Summer Program Director pay to \$20 per hour.

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**Motion By:** Hudgins

**Seconded By:** Donahue

**In Favor:** All

Dyer spoke about summer program and reservations for fieldtrips and busses, and how there is currently no director to make these decisions. Dyer asked members if they should wait until new director is hired to make these decisions and arrangements, or follow the former Recreation Director's fieldtrip choices for one more year? Donahue supported asking Mike and Casey their opinion. Chairman Blaisdell said hopefully March 1st they will have answers. Dyer noted that the most popular enrollment is 4 weeks out of the 7 weeks total. Dyer said only 12 out of 125 kids attended all 7 weeks. Dyer suggested having sought-after field trips each week to increase enrollment. Members discussed new fieldtrip locations and ideas.

Next meeting is scheduled for 3/2/2022.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

**Submitted By:**

Jessica Manning  
Recording Secretary