

# RECREATION COMMISSION

## Town of Sandown, NH

### **Recreation Commission**

**Meeting Date:** 8/3/2022

**Meeting Location:** Rec Building

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

**Also Present:** Becky Thompson, Rec Director; Ben Sharpe

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Blaisdell at 6:30pm.

Hudgins made a motion to accept minutes as written from 7/20/22.

**Motion By:** Hudgins

**Seconded By:** Dyer

**In Favor:** All

**Motion passes unanimously.**

***Discussion of new business begins.***

### **Fall Programming Changes**

#### ***Teddy Bear Picnic***

Thompson realized some scheduling conflicts with some fall programming. She asked to hold off on the Teddy Bear Picnic, and hopes to host this as a spring activity. Members gave consensus to wait until spring.

#### ***Sandown Monster Mash***

Thompson wants to do a Halloween fair on 10/22/2022. She explained that she wants to do maze, trick or treat bag making, possible trunk or treat. Thompson expressed that she wants to do more programming for Halloween.

#### ***Town-Wide Yard Sale***

Thompson said she wants to change the date of the Town-Wide Yard Sale to 9/24/2022 because she does not want to compete with Deerfield fair weekend the following week. Dyer asked about advertising, and said she hasn't seen anything in Carriage town news, and suggested looking into it. Thompson will also reach out to Atkinson regarding their Town-Wide Yard Sale on the same day.

### **Movie Night Scheduling**

Thompson shared that she cannot attend the upcoming 8/6/22 movie night, and asked if any members could fill in for her. Hudgins said he will attend. Thompson also said the last movie night is scheduled for 9/10/22, but is nervous about the mosquitos being too invasive, especially after dusk. Thompson and members discussed mosquito situation, and agreed to cancel the 9/10/22 movie night. Blaisdell reminded that movie night can always be hosted inside the Rec Building, and Thompson and members discussed a Halloween scary movie night, when it is too cold for mosquitos, and the possibility of a Christmas movie night.

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55 **After-School Program Hiring**

56 Thompson updated members that she currently has 2 staff members for the after-school program,  
57 already as a child signed up, and is hoping to have 20 kids total. Thompson said she has not yet  
58 spoken with the school, but the school bus company is on board. Members and Thompson  
59 discussed having the program run the entirety of the school year, and how that would affect  
60 staffing. Dyer expressed that she felt the positions should be advertised to the public, and asked  
61 Thompson if she had checked with other local after-school programs regarding pricing. Members  
62 discussed payment and hiring of staff, how staff will be paid, and the need to speak to Selectmen  
63 before hiring. Thompson said she will present the issue to the Board of Selectmen at the next  
64 Selectmen meeting.

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67 **Requisition Forms**

68 Blaisdell asked Thompson about Summer Rec requisition forms for field trips and other items, to be  
69 given to the Finance Director, which Thompson was unaware of. Dyer asked if the invoices for  
70 busses had been paid, and Thompson said that they had. Members discussed the need of approval  
71 of spending. Thompson said she will bring invoices and receipts to approve.

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74 **New Commission Member**

75 Chairman Blaisdell announced that John Donahue is no longer a Recreation Commission member.  
76 Thompson said she advertised a week ago that they are looking for a new member, and has heard  
77 back from Ben Sharpe, who joined this meeting. Thompson said she wants to advertise for at least  
78 another week. Dyer said she wants to advertise at Old Home Day about new member.

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81 ***Ben Sharpe left meeting.***

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84 **Budget**

85 Members discussed revolving fund and budget regarding construction of the pavilion. Dyer said she  
86 would like to have a vendor report. Blaisdell said members will work with Thompson more with the  
87 budget since she is still learning. Members discussed issues with Clover Connect, the credit card  
88 company used through RecDesk. Thompson said Clover Connect takes a much larger fee than what  
89 they were supposed to, and that it has been fixed and reimbursed, but the numbers do not currently  
90 match on the budget. Thompson asked if Gayle could join the next meeting to help better  
91 understand the budget. Members discussed adding specific line-items and simplifying the budget,  
92 and plan to ask Gayle for guidance to do this. Blaisdell suggested going down to 2 budgets: an  
93 Operating budget and a Summer Rec budget. Dyer asked about using RecDesk to help Thompson do  
94 her own budgets.

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105 ***Discussion of old business begins.***

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108 ***Old Business Update***

109 Thompson gave an update about rentals through the end of the year. She also said that regarding  
110 Miller Field and mowing, that there were no issues. Dyer asked about an update regarding Seely  
111 Beach vandalism. Thompson said signs have not yet been ordered and she will speak to Police  
112 Chief Gordon regarding trail cameras, but all seems fine currently, including bi-weekly E. coli  
113 testing. Thompson and members discussed Old Home Day update, and Thompson said they will  
114 have popcorn, cotton candy, flyers for advertising, and is figuring out an interactive activity.

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117 Blaisdell made a motion to adjourn.

118 ***Motion By:*** Blaisdell

119 ***Seconded By:*** Dyer

120 ***In Favor:*** All

121 ***Motion passes unanimously.***

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124 Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

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127 Next meeting is scheduled for 8/17/2022.

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132 **Submitted By:**

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