

# RECREATION COMMISSION

## Town of Sandown, NH

### **Recreation Commission**

**Meeting Date:** June 7, 2023

**Meeting Location:** Rec Building

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

**Also Present:** Becky Thompson, Recreation Director

**Members Not Present:** Ben Sharpe; Heidi Dyer

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

Hudgins made a motion to accept minutes as written from May 17, 2023.

***Motion By:*** Hudgins

***Seconded By:*** Longchamps

***In Favor:*** All

***Motion passes unanimously.***

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

### **Welcome Kindergarten Graduation Committee**

Members of the Kindergarten Graduation Committee representing Sandown Kindergarten students, as well as homeschooled kindergarten students, asked members to waive the rental fee of the Rec building for their graduation ceremony on June 11, 2023. Members of the Graduation Committee shared that they plan to host their ceremony outside, regardless of weather, and only need the building for restrooms. Thompson and members discussed the issue of liability insurance, and agreed to ask Lynne. Blaisdell said he could open the building at 10am since Thompson cannot attend that day.

### **Payment Requests**

Spring Yoga - \$1,476

Summer Camp Supplies - Amazon - \$314

Summer Camp Supplies - Walmart - \$298.91

Summer Camp Supplies - BJ's - \$273

Summer Magic Show - \$400

Lifeguard Class - \$1,500

Mowing - \$1145

Mowing - \$255

Mowing - \$810

### **Refund Requests**

Camp cancellation - \$1,044

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**Summer Camp Update, discussion of hiring MESH Counselor**

***Summer Camp Update***

Thompson shared that they are looking good for summer camp so far, and that the swim lines are in the water, the beach is cleaned and the billboard at the beach has been redone. Thompson said she still has to get some supplies, but that they are almost up to 90 campers per week. Thompson also shared that she will need help moving large items, and members discussed using trucks and/or trailers to assist. Blaisdell said they could use more picnic tables.

***MESH Counselor***

Thompson shared that she has had 2 applicants, with one being very qualified and the other not being qualified. Thompson shared that the applicant who is qualified is asking for \$16 per hour, and has a degree in the field and has worked in many similar scenarios. The less qualified applicant is only 16-years-old and has no experience. Thompson said she did have a counselor quit, so she has a regular counselor position open, and the applicant chose to go with that position instead.

Hudgins made a motion to recommend to the Board of Selectmen that they hire:

*Chloe Cina, MESH Counselor, at \$16 per hour*

*Lina Hedstrom, Counselor, at \$11 per hour*

***Motion By:*** Hudgins

***Seconded By:*** Longchamps

***In Favor:*** All

***Motion passes unanimously.***

**Farmers Market Discussion**

Thompson said she has made official vendor paperwork, and has had multiple inquiries, but only 2 vendors completed their paperwork. Thompson said if she doesn't have more signed paperwork by Monday then she will have to cancel the farmer's market. Members agreed to only move forward with the farmer's market if it makes sense.

**Review of Playground Chip Quotes**

Thompson presented a wood chips quote from the company used last time, and members gave consensus to move forward with that company. Members and Thompson discussed date and time to volunteer to spread wood chips, and whether this should include refreshments for volunteers. Members agreed to continue the meeting on the playground to discuss the issue further.

Blaisdell made a motion to spend up to \$1024.12 at PR Russel for playground woodchips.

***Motion By:*** Blaisdell

***Seconded By:*** Hudgins

***In Favor:*** All

***Motion passes unanimously.***

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

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**Afterschool Program Update**

Blaisdell asked for a breakdown of the cost of running the afterschool program to be discussed at some point over the summer. Thompson updated members with current attendance, and members discussed the possibility of continuing the program next year.

***Members and Thompson continued the meeting outside on the Rec playground.***

**Wood Chips Decision**

After inspecting the playground and assessing its needs, members and Thompson decided to order one truckload of wood chips, and have volunteers from 9am-11am on June 17, 2023, and serve coffee and donuts.

Blaisdell made a motion to adjourn.

***Motion By:*** Blaisdell

***Seconded By:*** Hudgins

***In Favor:*** All

***Motion passes unanimously.***

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for June 21, 2023.

**Submitted By:**

*Jessica Manning*

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Recording Secretary