

RECREATION COMMISSION

Town of Sandown, NH

Recreation Commission

Meeting Date: September 20, 2023

Meeting Location: Rec Building

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

Also Present: Becky Francis, Rec Director

Members Not Present: Ben Sharpe

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

Dyer made a motion to accept minutes as amended from September 20, 2023.

Motion By: Dyer

Seconded By: Longchamps

Discussion: Omit the typo error in line 34.

In Favor: All

Motion passes unanimously.

Discussion of new business begins.

Hudgins joined the meeting.

2024 Recreation Budget

Francis and members looked through the redesigned budget, and discussed the changes. Francis said that the Finance Director is still looking over the new budget, and reminded that many items may look as though the budget has increased, but it only appears that way because of newly combined line items. Dyer asked about back-up documentation of spending, and Francis said she keeps all spending information in case it's needed. Hudgins suggested adding spending information in a packet with the budget when it is presented to the Budget Committee, similarly to how the Police budget is done, to answer any of their questions.

Monster Mash Budget

Francis updated members on the upcoming Monster Mash event, and said they have 2 food trucks signed up, balloon animals, and 3 volunteers so far. Members and Francis discussed the budget, and Francis said the most expensive item is candy. Francis explained that she wants to do prizes that are not candy, and plans to rent 3 carnival games from Grand Rental which will cost approximately \$90 total.

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55 **Upcoming Programming**

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57 ***Tree Lighting***

58 Francis explained that she and Lynne have discussed the possibility of skipping the tree lighting
59 event because of ongoing renovations at the Town Hall. Members discussed hosting the event at
60 the rec building. Francis said she could reach out regarding Santa and the chorus singers, and
61 Hudgins said he will contact the Fire Chief regarding Santa driving through town this year.
62 Members and Francis discussed using the flag pole for a tree lighting at the rec building, logistics of
63 the event, and custom photo banners.

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65 ***Senior Luncheon***

66 Senior luncheon is on November 8th, and has approximately 80 people signed up.

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68 ***Senior Christmas Gifts***

69 Francis said she will be purchasing senior gifts with the money from the town-wide yard sale,
70 which will be sent by December 1st.

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72 ***Toy Sale***

73 Francis said she does not plan to do the toy sale again this year, as it was too much work and didn't
74 sell enough toys.

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76 ***Ladies Craft Night***

77 Hoping to schedule for mid-November. Members discussed also combining with Senior Wreath
78 Making event, and opening admission to residents of all ages, instead of just seniors. Members and
79 Francis decided to host a wreath making event on Monday, December 4th, with seniors in the
80 morning and another session later in the day for all ages.

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82 ***New Years Eve Bash***

83 Francis explained that previously Sandown, Plaistow, and Atkinson used to host a combined New
84 Years Eve party at the High School, but that they are unable to use the space now. Francis said they
85 are able to use the Town Hall, and would host a magician in the afternoon for a family show.
86 Members and Francis discussed how Town Hall renovations may affect the event.

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88 ***Holiday Bus Trip - Newport, RI***

89 Francis explained that she is planning a bus trip to Newport, Rhode Island, which will include a tour
90 of the Breakers mansion, dinner and holiday shopping. The trip is scheduled for December 5th, with
91 a snow-date of December 12th. Francis said she is still working on pricing.

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94 ***Hudgins left meeting.***

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

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Play Structure Replacement

Blaisdell suggested replacing the play structure at the rec building and asked Francis to get pricing. Francis said she is attending a conference tomorrow and will get more information. Members and Francis discussed potential pricing and expenses.

Building & Field Maintenance

Dyer asked about the flooring quote for the shed, and Francis said she will contact them. Blaisdell said he would like to repair the walkway between A field and B field because it is a tripping hazard. Members discussed cutting trees at Miller field, and Blaisdell said they are planning to wait until the leaves fall off the trees.

Blaisdell made a motion to adjourn.

Motion By: Blaisdell

Seconded By: Longchamps

In Favor: All

Motion passes unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for November 1, 2023.

Submitted By:

Jessica Manning

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Recording Secretary