

49 **Recreation Commission**
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54 ***Other Changes***

55 Francis said she changed ratios from 1-8 to 1-10, updated the behavior code and the MESH
56 Counselor. Dyer suggested posting these items on RecDesk so they don't have to update it unless
57 there are major policy changes. Francis also said campers must bring a cold lunch, so she is not
58 microwaving food, and parents cannot drop-off after 9am without a doctor's note. Members
59 discussed late drop-off policy.
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61 ***Returning Summer Staff***

62 Francis said they don't have a lot of returning staff yet, and can only take 70 kids per week so far.
63 Members felt that was fine since its still early in the season. Francis said she has 1 lifeguard so far,
64 and members discussed staffing and roles of lifeguards vs. counselor/coordinator staff.
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67 **Spring Progaming update, Farmers Market, Family Game Nights, Walking**
68 **Group, Aquarium Family Trip**

69 Francis said April is very busy with programming and they have lots coming up.
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71 ***April Vacation Programming***

72 Rec will be offering a bus trip to the New England Aquarium, flower pot decorating class, and Bingo
73 for Books event, all to be held during April school vacation week.
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75 ***Walking Groups***

76 Francis shared that they are hosting walking groups that walk to the Depot Rd playground in
77 Hampstead via the railroad beds, and around the circle at the Rec center for mothers with babies
78 and/or young children. They only meet in nice weather.
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80 ***Coding Club***

81 Coding club is going well, and the library brings the technology and set up stations for the kids.
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83 ***Farmer's Market***

84 Planning is going well, with 7 vendors signed up so far. Francis said only 2 of those are selling
85 vegetables, so she may consider changing the name to "Artisan Market." They also have musicians
86 willing to play for tips, as well as looking for food trucks to attend. Francis is hoping to get more
87 farms to attend, and reminded that members have the right to choose which vendors they want for
88 the market. Members discussed having the market hosted past the 2nd week of August.
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90 ***Family Game Nights***

91 These events are going well, and have a great turn out.
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93 **Future Event ideas for recreation**

94 ***Circus Smircus***

95 Francis explained that they are a company who teachers circus skills to kids and helps the kids run
96 their own circus, and has reached out to them but doesn't know pricing. She is hoping to host an
97 afterschool program and charge to cover the cost of the classes. Francis also hopes to host an
98 afterschool theater group.

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104 ***Archery Tag***

105 Francis said she looked into archery tag, but it was unfortunately too expensive. Members
106 discussed looking into traditional archery, and Francis explained her idea for Nurf Wars, with
107 inflatable items for players to hide behind while playing with Nurf guns. Francis also explained that
108 players will need supplies and gear such as eye protection.

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110 ***Zombie Run***

111 Francis explained her idea for a Zombie Run, with runners using a course with people dressed as
112 zombies jumping out, and hopes to host this during Halloween season. Members and Francis
113 discussed options and ideas.

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115 ***Fishing Derby***

116 Will be on April 27th and Rec will be doing prizes and bubbles.

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

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120 **Construction of pavilion at the Ed Garvey Recreation Center**

121 Longchamps stated that he unfortunately does not have time to dedicate to the pavilion at this time.

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123 **Equipment Replacement for Miller Field**

124 Francis said they are trying to figure out the budget for equipment replacement, and members
125 discussed using the revolving account. Francis shared that she would like to install a tether ball set-
126 up, but fears it may cause too many issues, and said she is looking for other options. Members and
127 Francis discussed updating the basketball court and adding a possible pickleball court. Francis said
128 she will look into pricing for pickleball nets.

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131 Blaisdell made a motion to adjourn.

132 ***Motion By:*** Blaisdell

133 ***Seconded By:*** Dyer

134 ***In Favor:*** All

135 ***Motion passes unanimously.***

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138 Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

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140 Next meeting is scheduled for April 3, 2024.

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143 **Submitted By:**

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145 *Jessica Manning*

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147 Recording Secretary