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Sandown Recreation Commission Minutes October 21, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 PM

Present were Chairman George Blaisdell; Members: John Donahue; Jennifer Dangas; Heidi Dyer. Also present Darren Hudgins, ex officio and Deb Brown, Recreation Director.

New members Heidi Dyer and Jennifer Dangas were welcomed on board.

There were no minutes to review as Mrs. Brown could not get them to send from her computer at home due to a technical difficulty.

Mrs. Brown presented the Rentals and Group Use document that had been worked on with other town employees for group meetings and rentals. The Commission accepted it as written.

Program updating included a brief overview of what has been going on with the after-school program which was well attended as well as the upcoming Flashlight Halloween Egg Hunt taking place on 10/23/20. Mr. Donahue volunteered to help set up in the afternoon. A new Yoga program is underway with a new instructor. The class is full. A "Boot Camp" program was scrapped due to lack of interest. The instructor mentioned that it may have been due to the weather turning colder and the fact the class would have been held outdoors.

A discussion was begun regarding what to do about the annual senior dinner. Members felt it was not a good idea to hold this year's event. The population being served would be senior citizens and no one was comfortable with the possibility of them being put at risk by having a gathering. There may be another type of program put in its place.

Mrs. Brown is going to organize some holiday activities that will be done in smaller groups but perhaps offered more than once to accommodate those who would like to attend. Most likely activities would be craft related.

Currently the Commission is without a recording secretary due to the resignation of a town employee who was going to do it. Mrs. Dangas expressed that she may be interested in doing it. It was explained that a member may do the job however they may not be paid for time spent in the meeting itself. Only for the transcription part.

A brief discussion regarding the budget for 2021 ensued and will be discussed at the next meeting prior to paperwork being turned in first to BOS and then to Budget Committee. The Commission will meet with the Board of Selectmen on 11/16/20 and with Budget Committee on 12/02/2020.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9 PM. The next meeting will be held on 11-04-20. Submitted by: Deb Brown