

MINUTES
RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING: 09-15-21

The meeting was called to order by Chairman George Blaisdell. Present were: George Blaisdell, Chairman. Members John Donahue and Heidi Dyer. Darren Hudgins, ex officio. Absent: Member Jennifer Dangas. Director Deb Brown was unable to attend.

The minutes of 08-18-21 were presented. Heidi Dyer mentioned some duplication on page 2. Darren attempted to present summer program enrollment numbers but he was not certain he was providing correct information. George suggested holding off on approving the minutes until they can clarify a couple of things.

A discussion was begun about the Commission's input on meeting up with Jeff Ballantyne, President of the Phillips Pond Association. (The reason for meeting with Jeff was regarding storm water management). Some work may be needed to be done but not much. George expressed concern regarding trip hazards with using certain materials. Darren said that kids should know better than to ride their bikes into the water. Heidi suggested that plants may be the way to go. There was a concern over adding rocks. Darren mentioned he will be meeting with Conservation next week. John agreed something would need to be done and talking with the right people will be key.

Miller Field: George and Heidi thought the posts for the new sign that had been installed seemed to look a little bit different than they had before but basically felt they are in the same place. Darren referred to Deb's notes which mentioned that she had contacted the following surveyors to see if she could arrange for quotes to survey a lot line at the Miller Field location. Cornerstone in Chester has not yet been able to do an estimate. Promised Land Survey, Derry has not yet been back in touch. Keach Norstrom does not seem interested. She had mentioned not contacting Lavallee due to that being the surveyor who had done the surveying for the abutter. She notes she will provide updates as they progress.

Also mentioned within the director's notes are the Senior Luncheon which is booked for October 20th as is the entertainment. George noted the date was quite a bit earlier than previous years. Registration for it will be advertised next week once the venue firms up the menu and pricing. Town Wide Yard Sale registrations are coming in now. There has not been a good response for the Adult Fit Club. Heidi mentioned that Deb had received only one phone call regarding the class and it was cancelled. George inquired as to whether the class could be held indoors. Heidi said she could do it indoors. She mentioned doing a survey and asking people what works for them as far as hours go and providing a raffle prize for filling out the survey. A discussion ensued as to how it could be something that may still work out. John thinks a 5-minute demo on FB would get people's attention and offered to be in the video wearing Richard Simmons shorts. Members agreed they would be in the video. Heidi commented that Deb had suggested doing a free demo but Heidi had felt it would not work well because you wouldn't know who was coming. She is working with Deb to offer a 'Pop Up Yoga' to help relieve holiday stress. One class would be done in November and one in December.

Darren mentioned what would be coming up from the director's notes. In addition to the Senior Luncheon and Town Wide Yard Sale she is looking to set up the following and some are in motion already: Halloween Flashlight Egg Haunt; a cooking series that would include doing another session of Instant Pot cooking; a session with another person doing a demo on using seasonings to make your own rubs, dips etc. She is

trying to locate someone who would be willing to do a very basic cake/cupcake decorating class. Members interjected their suggestions with one being how to create a Charcuterie board. Senior exercise starts up again on October 5th. There is a senior coffee planned for 09/21. Plans are being made to offer some holiday flower/centerpiece arranging activities. John mentioned his wife had been a floral designer for 5 years.

Darren mentioned there was a requisition form for the summer t-shirts which needed to be signed. John mentioned the price had remained the same as the 2019 shirts.

Darren mentioned that Deb was inquiring for Sixty Plus as to whether they could resume having their Pot Luck Luncheons once per month. She mentioned that 2 members of the group would be wearing gloves and serving the food. A brief discussion was begun and members felt Sixty Plus should be allowed to do the monthly luncheon and that if someone didn't want to come they did not have to.

Darren mentioned the director was seeking to provide a refund to the town for the cost of the summer program payroll. Members agreed the next meeting will be held on September 29th.

A discussion was begun about the funds the town would be receiving from the government in the amount of \$600k or more. There is a suggestion that some of the funds could be used to help with the pavilion plan the members are working on. It is related to Covid as it would provide an outdoor community space where people could gather for recreation events and programs. It would eliminate the issue of renting tents or using canopies that have created problems in the past when they've blown down with heavy wind and been destroyed. Members felt they would be requesting only some of the money for the cost of the Pavilion as they have some of the money set aside to help with the costs of construction. Darren mentioned he ran into someone who said her husband installs pavilions all the time. Darren will be contacting that person. He expressed thoughts that a good solid plan will be important.

George Blaisdell made a motion to enter into a non-public session under: RSA 91-A:3 II (a) employee matters. Seconded by John Donahue. Roll call: Heidi Dyer: Aye. John Donahue: Aye. George Blaisdell: Aye. Darren Hudgins: Aye.

Upon exiting the non-public session George Blaisdell made a motion to seal the minutes. Second by John Donahue. Roll call: Heidi Dyer: Aye. George Blaisdell: Aye. John Donahue: Aye. Darren Hudgins: Aye.

The next meeting of the Sandown Recreation Commission will be held on September 29, 2021.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted,

Deb Brown

Serving as recording secretary for transcription