



**TOWN OF
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Recreation Commission

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**Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 25, 2024
Via Zoom 6:30pm**

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1. Call to order / Record – The meeting was called to order by Brian Lievense (Recreation Director) at 6:30pm and the recording was started.
2. Roll Call – Cynthia Antos, Dave Clark, Gloria Harvey, Ashley Lewis, Renee Waldron
Community/Staff Members: Brian Lievense (Recreation Director), Lynn Looby (Recording Secretary)
Absent: Jen Hall, Donna Poitras
3. Minutes Review
December 13, 2023 meeting minutes were reviewed (time stamp 03:30)
Two edits: Absent – Jen Hall, Renee Waldron; #4, Section a: Clarification – NECONN Youth Soccer, Thompson Little League, and Project Graduation
****R. Waldron made a motion to accept the minutes as amended; seconded by C. Antos. Motion passed 5-0-0**
4. Financial Reports
 - a. General fund at 55.3% of total expenditures
 - b. Fund Balance – Approximately \$27,000; will have detailed information at the next meeting
 - c. Revolving Account - \$20,292.55
5. Director's Report (time stamp 07:37)
 - a. Purely Recreation
 - New coordinator doing well
 - 40 children in the afterschool program and 11-12 children in morning program
 - b. Special Events – Easter Egg Hunt, Someone Special Dance, Maker Fair, Summer Concerts
 - Easter Egg Hunt – scheduled for March 23, 2024; March 30, 2024 rain date; eggs have been ordered, photographer and hot dog vendor are returning for the event
 - Someone Special Dance – scheduled for April 26, 2024; replacing the Father Daughter Dance; family centered party; held at the middle school; Bouncy House rented; other activities will also be offered
 - Maker Fair – scheduled for May 4, 2024; 23 vendors have signed up; Mack's Food Truck will be present
 - Summer Concerts – two scheduled – June 29, 2024 will be a Surf Rock band and July 13, 2024 will be Wooden Horse; a few dates to fill for later in the summer; 2 food trucks are scheduled – hot dog on June 29; Jay's Little Red Trailer on July 13
 - c. Adult Programs – Yoga, Bus Trips, Pickleball
 - Yoga – 12 people signing up for each session
 - Bus Trips – 1 trip per month April through December; two overnight trips also scheduled – Spring trip to Finger Lakes Region and Amish Country (Lancaster, PA) will be in the Fall.
 - Pickleball – very popular; indoor sessions have sold out with 18 people and 3 nets; will offer leagues and lessons in the Spring and Summer

- d. Senior Program
 - Lecture/Discussion – 1 per month with 15-20 attending each event
 - Senior Craft – meets monthly with approximately 10 people in attendance
 - Pound Exercise – drumming class; increasing participation
 - Chair Yoga – good attendance but will work on increasing participation
- e. Youth Programs
 - Youth Basketball – about three weeks left; several of the older teams have tournaments beginning in March; 150 children
 - Mini Basketball – full program – 17 children registered (age: 3-5)
 - Winter Enrichment Programs – Art Club has finished; Science Club is filled up; Comic Book (10 middle school children in the program with 4 outside of public school system) will run for 12 weeks with event for the parents at the end; Starting soon – Fine Arts Club – advanced techniques; Musical Theater Club; Cupid’s Workshop coming up – will limit to 20 children
 - Letters from Santa – received letters from 45 children; a lot more than last year
- 6. New Business (time stamp 21:30)
 - a. Fiscal 2024/2025 Budget Approval
 - Budget was reviewed; salary placeholder increased 2.25%; software line was added \$4,800 – currently coming out of the revolving budget; Bonfire event increased from \$600 to \$1000; Final budget \$119,256 with a 6.5% increase
 - **D. Clark made a motion to submit the 2024/2025 budget as presented to the Board of Selectmen; seconded by C. Antos. Motion passed 5-0-0**
 - b. Letter for Darlene Trethaway – Years of Service for Purely Recreation
 - Letter was reviewed and will be forwarded to Commission members for finalizing; R. Waldron, C. Antos, and B. Lievense will sign the letter
- 7. Old Business (time stamp 35:19)
 - a. Parks Master Plan
 - B. Lievense reviewed a timeline for the project; goal is to present a 10-year plan; Year 1 is a research year with a comprehensive plan put together for next fiscal year; subcommittee needs to be established
 - b. 2024 TRC Grant Applications
 - Waiting for Thompson Little League and NECONN Youth Soccer
 - Approval at next meeting
- 8. Other Comments from the Commission
 - Need to check if any Commission members are up for re-election
- 9. Correspondence
 - 1/3/24 – Letter – A thank you from the Senior Citizens for the Winter Festival Tree donation
 - Request for a raffle donation for the Thompson Auto Care event; Commission members felt that a donation for a private enterprise should not come out of the Commission’s town budget; B. Lievense will send the contact information to the members if they are interested in doing a personal donation
- 10. Citizen’s Comments – none
- 11. Announcements – none
- 12. Next Meeting – Thursday, February 22, 2024
- 13. Adjourn. **The meeting was adjourned at 7:24pm.**

Respectfully submitted
Lynn Looby
Recording Secretary

These minutes have not yet been approved by the Recreation Commission. Please refer to next month’s meeting minutes for approval of and/or amendments to these minutes.