



"Our mission is to enhance, promote and support quality recreation facilities and opportunities for all residents of the community."

**MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 2016**

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Chairman Stephen Bordua called the special meeting of the Thompson Recreation Commission to order at 7:10 PM in Merrill Seney Room.

Members Present: Stephen Bordua, Albert Lafleur, Sylvie Hanshaw, Robert Monahan and Cathy Thomas.

Members absent: Jeanne Dery, Thomas Jourdan and Cynthia Antos.

Staff Present: Audrey Witkowski and Angela Hachey.

Secretary's Report

1. Albert Lafleur moved and Bob Monahan seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the March 29, 2016 special meeting as presented.

Steve Bordua—yes; Robert Monahan—yes; Cathy Thomas—abstain; Al Lafleur—yes; Sylvie Hanshaw—yes.

The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

1. The General Fund Budget Report was reviewed.
 - a. Steve Bordua asked if payroll was all set with the new changes in staff. Angela Hachey reported that everything still evens out with the new aide starting at a lower salary.
 - b. Cathy Thomas asked if the entire budget would be spent. Angela Hachey says they will be spending as much of the budget as possible.
2. The Miscellaneous Revolving Account Report was reviewed.
 - a. Angela Hachey looked into the camp refunds policy. A large portion is for Care for Kids. They over pay every year and the department reimburses them the difference. Cathy Thomas asked if we can credit back a credit card. The department can refund a credit card minus the bank fees.
 - b. Cathy Thomas asked if the Purely Rec surplus will be used. Angela Hachey says they still have field trips and the excess will be spent on those.
 - c. Cathy Thomas asked about the drama surplus. Angela Hachey says Renee Waldron had been accumulating money to bring in a bigger show.
 - d. Angela Hachey is going to talk to Orla Raftery in the finance department about using the surplus from last years budget on programs for this year.

Correspondence

1. The Commission received an application for a new commission member.
 - a. **Cathy Thomas moved and Sylvie Hanshaw seconded the motion to recommend Kimberly Prescott to the Board of Selectmen for consideration. All in favor; the motion carried.**

Director's Report

1. Angela Hachey reviewed her report and answered questions.
 - a. The adult line dancing program did not have enough participants to restart. Zumba will begin in June.

- b. The Mother Son Star Wars is on Friday. The numbers are lower than past years.
- c. The Tag Sale and Turkey Trot are being planned. Sylvie Hanshaw brought up the conflict between the Tag Sale date and Little League. Angela Hachey will consider changing the date for next year.
- d. Blue Man Group sold out tickets.
- e. Angela Hachey is looking into tickets for Wicked.
- f. Angela Hachey updated the Commission on the student involved with the Juvenile Review Board. She reported that he had returned and was doing well until he recently received a 5 day suspension from the program. Next time there is a problem he will be expelled from the program.
- g. The \$10,000 allocated for a new Recreation Department truck was cut from the budget by the Board of Finance. The highway department will make the current truck last another year. The Board of Finance also asked about the donation line item, Angela Hachey says this cannot be touched as it is a donation for outdoor recreational purposes only.

Old Business

- 1. The Commission discussed the budget proposal for 2016-2017. Angela Hachey suggested using the donation line item for park repairs. Cathy Thomas argued that the repairs should not come out of the donations. The Commission discussed who is responsible for park maintenance and whether the highway department has a line item for repairs. Angela Hachey suggested the Commission look into taking over the parks since they already do so much for them. The commission currently does not have the staff or the budget to also maintain parks. The list of repairs are not getting done. Angela Hachey has spoken to First Selectmen Ken Beausoleil about this. Also, Angela Hachey did not receive the increase she put in for.
- 2. The interviews for summer camp staff are done. Steve Bordua asked if the raise for returning staff was only ten cents. Angela Hachey confirmed that it is. Cathy Thomas asked the average age of the staff. Angela Hachey reported that the average is about 17 years old. A lot of the staff is college age. The commission also discussed the bus prices. They will be the same as last year. Cathy Thomas asked for the cost over the last 3 contracts per gallon. Angela Hachey will look into it.
 - a. Cathy Thomas moved and Bob Monahan seconded the motion to recommend the summer staff as presented to the Board of Selectmen. All in favor; the motion carries.**
- 3. Riverside Park Field Improvements: no update.

New Business

- 1. Angela Hachey asked if the department should rent portable toilets for the summer concert series.
 - a. Bob Monahan moved and Cathy Thomas seconded the motion that the portable toilets stay through the summer concert series. All in favor; the motion carries.**

Citizens' Comments

Announcements

- 1. The next regular meeting will be held Wednesday, May 27, 2016 at 7 PM in the Merrill Seney Room at the Town Hall.

Adjournment

- 1. Chairman Bordua adjourned the meeting at 8:39 PM.

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