

NORTH HAMPTON RECREATION COMMISSION DRAFT MEETING MINUTES MARCH 2023

In attendance: Joe Manzi, Willow Foley, Danielle Strater, Pete Brogowski, Jane Morse, Dale Rocheford

Willow called the meeting to order at 6:11

Dale made a motion to accept the February minutes, it was seconded by Danielle and agreed to by all present.

Citizen's Comments: Roberta D'Eon inquired about the Egg Scramble and offered to help fill the eggs with candy at the next Senior Citizen coffee on March 30. This offer was much appreciated.

Winter Fest: The events exceeded expectations with the weather cooperating and the overall attendance at all activities more than expected except for the breakfast. There were not enough registrants for the breakfast so it was canceled. On review, the next Winter Fest there will be more refreshments at some of the venues and registrations for the breakfast will have stricter requirements for sign ups.

The 3 v 3 basketball tourney was a great success, well attended and enjoyed by kids and parents alike. The sportsmanship displayed was impressive, trophies were awarded and it is expected this event will be even bigger next year. Next year we will sell drinks and snacks at the gym to help defray costs.

Dodge ball at the school gym had a full crowd and the kids had a great time. Skating and broomball was canceled due to poor ice conditions.

The Rec hosted by Ari and Danielle was also well attended. There was a lot of prep time involved to provide the fun games and next year the time allotted will increase from 90 minutes to a time frame to be determined.

The chili cookoff and open mic exceeded all expectations with a big attendance at Centennial Hall. We need to double the chili next year as we ran out earlier than expected and recruit more volunteers for the open mic. The NHPD won the Chili contest.

The sledding, cookout and bonfire was an overwhelming success due to the fresh snowfall. Thank you to John Hubbard for the prep for the bonfire and the NHFD for the free cocoa for everyone. It was very cold with snow and lots of fun.

Egg Scramble: This will be held at the school using both upper and lower fields. Registrations are ongoing with time slots every 30 minutes. There is a Rec Comm volunteer day on Thursday, 3/30 to fill eggs and prep goodie bags. Lindt has generously

donated 40 lbs of candy for the scramble. An volunteer Easter Bunny is being recruited for the morning.

Ski Program: There were 4 trips made to Gunstock on Wednesdays, one mild injury to a student and 6 chaperones helped out. There were 52 students participating with only 23 students utilizing the bus. This program is initiated in early fall for a February start and can be a challenge coordinating all aspects of the program in order to be a success Thanks to Pete Brogowski for making the program happen. Unfortunately there was a significant loss to the leasing of the bus. There were students who appeared to need more supervision even with the chaperones present and that combined with the transportation issues, means there will be a need to re-evaluate the program next year. There was a discussion of the possibility of a fundraiser at the Community Oven in the fall to help support the program. Further discussion will follow.

Dearborn Park update: The LWCF grant is on hold but the Seacoast School of Technology will continue to plan for the changes at the park.

Memorial Day BBQ: We will attempt to continue this annual event in spite of the construction. Jane will contact the VFW in Hampton to inquire about a change in the parade route so that it could end at the school . The ceremony would be held there followed by the BBQ.

Old Home Day: Will be held the second Saturday in August, 8/12. It was a great success last year and we will continue with those events adding a 5K road race. We will need permission from the Town as well as permits needed. Willow and Pete will help map out a possible route from the school.

Family Fun night will be help 6/30 at Dearborn Park.

A summer camp director, Molly Peterson has been hired and Josie Maggiore will be the assistant.

A motion was made to adjourn by Willow, seconded by Dale and agreed to all present at 7:35.

